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FRANCO SPIES USE RUSE TO GET U.S. ARMS

Lewis Blames A.F.L. Council For Splitting

I.L.G.W.U. Session Gives C.I.O. Leader Ovation —Gerjoy, Local 22, Stresses Need of Labor Unity in Political Action

By Louis F. Budenz
(Special to the Daily Worker)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 12.—"So I call upon labor to organize, to stand erect, to demand its right. Organize, organize here in America. And after we have organized, if someone wants to talk peace, we will talk peace."

With these stirring words, Chairman John L. Lewis, of the Committee for Industrial Organization, concluded a masterly address to this 23rd convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, raising the delegates to the heights of enthusiasm in an ovation unsurpassed in the course of the convention.

What Lewis said today, pointing to the achievements of the C. I. O. from the same platform on which he had fought for industrial union-

See page 3 for full text of John L. Lewis's speech at the I.L.G.W.U. convention.

ism in the 1935 American Federation of Labor convention, will become historic in the annals of American labor.

"WHO CREATED WAR?"

Sensing this, the delegates hung on his every word, from those who enthusiastically chanted "C. I. O." until the rafters rang with their shouts to those officials who still seek to put a brake on full C. I. O. support.

Applause and laughter greeted the many telling points that he made. For days the delegates had looked forward to this occasion, on which the leader of the labor movement that is marching forward would address them.

"Peace in the labor movement? Who created war?" Lewis asked challengingly, looking squarely at those who echo the A. F. of L. leaders' cry for "peace."

"The C. I. O. did not withdraw from the American Federation of Labor," he declared emphatically. "They dedicated themselves to the proposition of organizing unorganized workers and bringing them into the American Federation of Labor. If that be a crime and if that be treason, let the Federation make the most of it—and they have."

PLACES BLAME FOR SPLIT

Lewis thus placed the blame for the split in the labor movement on

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Backs Court Plan

Hollywood Crafts Ask Dockers' Aid

Auto Union to Picket Detroit Movies During Strike

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 12.—Charles Lessing, leader of the striking Federated Motion Picture Crafts sent an appeal today to the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, now holding its convention in Seattle, for solidarity action to tie up motion picture production.

Should the request be granted maritime workers would refuse to handle cargoes for ocean scenes for pictures or personnel of movie companies.

Already longshoremen tied up shipping for the studios in several instances.

H. Percy Sharp of the publicity committee of the strikers today announced that he has received a telegram from Anita Whitney, California state chairman of the Communist Party, pledging full support of the Communists.

Meanwhile the boycott campaign against the motion picture theatres spread to many cities with West Coast houses already reporting a significant fall in box office receipts. Members of the American Students Union are in the forefront of the picketing at Hollywood and Los Angeles.

INDEPENDENTS TO PARLEY

Much significance was attached to reports of many of the more labor-conscious movie stars who are dissatisfied with the failure of the Screen Actors Guild to recog-

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Farmer-Labor Congressmen For Court Plan

All Reaffirm Support in Face of Opposition by Shipstead

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The entire Minnesota Farmer-Labor delegation in the House today reaffirmed their support of the president's court reform bill in the face of the opposition of one of the two senators from their state and the non-committal attitude of the other.

Farmer-Labor Senator Henrik Shipstead, upon his return to the Senate yesterday after a long illness, had declared he would vote against the president's plan "as it now stands." Meanwhile, Farmer-Labor Senator Lundeen had asserted that he would "first have to be convinced, after listening to the debate, that there is need for adding more than two new justices, before I so vote." The president's bill calls for six.

A poll of the five Farmer-Laborites in the House brought forth the following comments:

Rep. R. T. Buckler—"I am satisfied that the Farmer-Laborites, the Democrats and the Progressives in

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RELIEF NEED IS INCREASED DATA SHOW

Tories Win Victory in Economy Drive on Unemployed

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—As Tories in Congress won their first victory in a drive for economy at the expense of the unemployed, the Federal Emergency Relief Administration disclosed today that a survey in 87 urban areas embracing one-third of the country's population shows that relief cases declined less than one-half of one per cent between February and March.

The report also reveals that the need of the families on relief made necessary the issuance of an increase by 1.9 per cent in relief.

In a few cases strikes were considered as responsible for increases in relief rolls, but generally little significance was attached to that. The fact stood out that during a period when hours of labor had been decreased in many industries and pre-crisis production had in many instances been surpassed, relief rolls, despite drastic case closing, remained virtually unchanged.

The 89 Republican members of the House met yesterday and decided to throw their votes for the drastic reduction of President Roosevelt's already inadequate relief budget to only one billion. In addition they declared themselves behind the proposal to shift all relief administration to the states on a "non-partisan basis."

The reactionaries scored their first victory yesterday when the sub-committee of the House Appropriations Committee voted to recommend a reduction by a half billion of President Roosevelt's billion and a half budget. Democratic leaders predicted, however, after polling all members of the committee, that the President's proposal would be read out of committee favorably.

Mayor Opens Playgrounds

Centers Moses Closed Are Ordered Put in Use by LaGuardia

The mayor has given orders to reopen the children's playgrounds closed down yesterday by Commissioner Robert Moses when 429 more WPA workers, assigned to the Park Department, were laid off by Col. Brehon Somervell.

Mayor LaGuardia, on his way to Los Angeles, telephoned from Toledo yesterday, ordering Commissioner Valentine to reopen whatever playgrounds had been closed.

Two were closed yesterday by a Park Department crew sent by Commissioner Moses, over the protest of angry mothers and anxious children, to whom the playgrounds are the only escape from the close air of miserable slum houses and

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EXTRA

25,000 Called Out In Jones-Laughlin Mills

(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)

PITTSBURGH, May 12.—Twenty-five thousand workers in the Jones and Laughlin mills in Aliquippa and on the South Side in Pittsburgh were called out on strike late tonight by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee.

The strike call came as an answer to the company's refusal to sign a union contract.

After a two-hour conference with Chairman H. E. Lewis of J. & L., Chairman Philip Murray of the SWOC announced that the mills would be shut down at 1 o'clock tonight when the new shift came to work.

Thousands of workers jammed the Roumanian Hall in Aliquippa and overflowed into the street waiting for word from the SWOC headquarters in Pittsburgh.

A similar meeting in Liberty Hall on the South Side in Pittsburgh was held to give workers the strike news.

The strike in the J. & L. is the union's answer to the "unholy alliance" of the independents who had entered into an anti-union compact under the leadership of Ernest T. Weir, of National Steel.

Strike votes authorizing a strike have already been taken in Republic Steel and in Youngstown Sheet & Tube.

Approximately 110,000 workers will be involved in strikes by the end of this week if the independents do not yield.

FORD, DU PONT SEEN FASCISTS DODD MEANS

Named by Congressmen as Potential Backers of Fascist Clique

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12. — The names of Henry Ford and the duPonts immediately occurred to at least two members of Congress today when they read the sensational statement of William E. Dodd, United States Ambassador to Germany, that "an American who owns near a billion dollars is ready to support and control a fascist program in the United States."

Rep. Jerry J. O'Connell, Democrat of Montana, and Rep. John M. Coffee, Democrat of Washington, both named Ford and the du Ponts upon being asked to whom they thought Dodd might have been referring.

Dodd's statement had been contained in a letter he sent from Berlin to several Senators, urging them to support the President's court plan.

Rep. Coffee declared that Dodd ought to name the individual he had in mind.

POINTS TO FORD RECORD

"There is no question of there being a good basis for Dodd's statement," Coffee said. "Being stationed at the center of Nazism, he undoubtedly gets wind of a number of conspiracies that the rest of us don't know about."

Coffee pointed out that Ford is not only a labor-hater, but employs leading Nazi agents in his laboratories and has backed anti-Semitic campaigns in this country.

Rep. O'Connell declared that all that kept William Randolph Hearst from filling Dodge's description of the potential backer of fascism, was the fact that the "notorious publisher doesn't have a billion dollars."

Hearst would undoubtedly place his chain of papers at the service of any fascist movement, O'Connell added.

NAME THE MAN, NYE DECLARES

Senator Gerald P. Nye said he would introduce a resolution calling on the State Department to cable Dodd for the billionaire's name.

"If there is such a man, Dodd should make his name known so that Congress can undertake an investigation," Nye said.

Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, who was criticized in Dodd's letter for his opposition to the League of Nations program, said:

"I have an idea his supposed dictatorship is the figment of a disturbed brain. He is a disgrace to his country."

Only last week, Borah delivered a speech vigorously assailing fascism and pointed to the fascist menace to democratic forms in the United States.

Murphy Wins In Newark

State Federation Leader Was Backed by Communists

NEWARK, N. J., May 12.—Final returns from yesterday's City Commission election here gave the highest vote to a trade union candidate, Vincent J. Murphy, secretary-treasurer of the State Federation of Labor. He received 49,511 votes.

Murphy had been endorsed by the Communist Party, as well as by various other political and civic groups.

Mayor Meyer C. Ellenstein was re-elected to the commission with 45,153 votes.

Others elected were Joseph M. Byrne, Jr., 38,772; Michael P. Duffy, Director of Public Safety, 35,669, and Pearce R. Franklin, Director of Public Works, 33,334.

Frank Chandler, leader of the Workers Alliance, and an active Communist, waged a fighting but unsuccessful campaign. He and Murphy were the only two candidates backed by the Communist Party.

The new commission will organize next Tuesday. It is expected to choose Ellenstein Mayor again. He is supported by Duffy and Franklin.

Byrne was the only successful candidate said to have had the support of Jersey City's Mayor Frank Hague, State Democratic boss.

None of the candidates sponsored by the Good Government group led by State Sen. Lester H. Clee, candidate for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, was elected.

FRANCO AGENTS IN PARIS BOMB AMBULANCE, SHIPS, HUMANITE EXPOSE SHOWS

Ring Uncovered by French Communist Newspaper

PARIS, May 12. — The headquarters of a Spanish fascist spy ring in France has just been uncovered by Lucien Sampaix, star reporter of L'Humanite, French Communist paper, in the building of the New York Herald, Paris edition of the Tory New York Herald Tribune.

Sampaix' investigations showed that the vast network of fascist spies and saboteurs who have flooded France are directed from the nerve center in the offices of the fake "Hispania Company," at 21 Rue du Berri, in the 8th ward of Paris, where the New York Herald is located.

At the head of the ring is Eduardo Aunos, who was a minister under the Primo de Rivera dictatorship. Aunos, nominally director of the "Hispania Company," besides being chief Franco spy No. 1, is also the leader of the "Falange Espanola de las J.O.N.S.—delegacion de Paris," or the

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Expect Franco Spy Probe Bill Ready Today

Rep. Allen Praises the Daily Worker for Exposing Fascists

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, May 12.—After conferring again today with Senator William Borah, Senator Gerald P. Nye predicted that his resolution for an inquiry into General Franco's espionage ring would be ready by tomorrow.

Nye explained that the delay in drafting the resolution arose from an effort "to avoid the possibility of the investigation being used as an infringement of civil rights."

The importance of forestalling any attempt to turn the inquiry away from its original purpose, was emphasized by the fact that there is practically no chance of Senator Nye himself heading any probe that the Senate might agree to undertake.

NO PART IN PROBE

If the investigation were to be conducted by the foreign affairs committee, of which Nye is not a member, the North Dakota Senator would have no part in the inquiry.

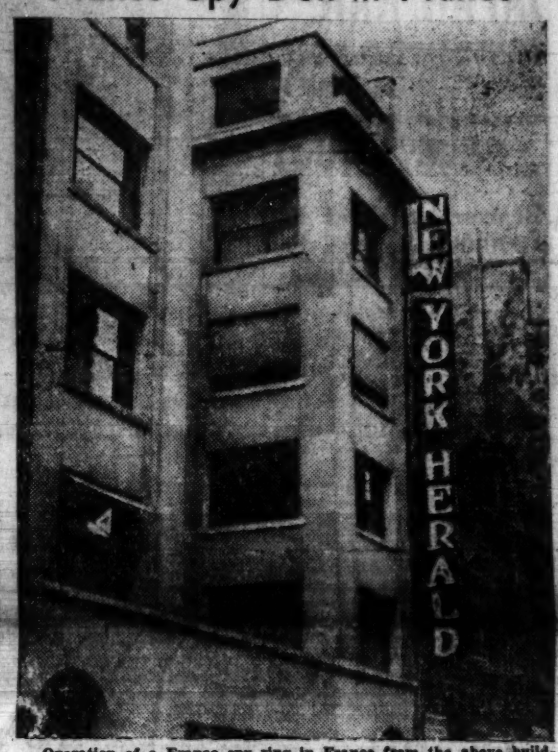
On the other hand, if a group appointed by the president of the Senate were to carry on the probe, it is held as almost certain that Nye would not be named to head the committee in view of the ruthlessness with which he recently exposed the munitions industry.

Meanwhile, congratulations for the work done by the Daily Worker in exposing the undercover work of Franco's spy ring in New York, came from Rep. Robert G. Allen, of Pennsylvania.

Allen, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, declared that "the Daily Worker has done a good job in ferreting out the activities of Franco's men."

The Pennsylvania congressman was one of the 29 representatives who sponsored a resolution yesterday for a House inquiry into the entire matter.

Franco Spy Den in France



Operation of a Franco spy ring in France from the above building—office of the New York Herald, Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune—was revealed in an expose by L'Humanite, French Communist Party paper. Plotters operating from here bombed ambulances and ships bound for Spain and even dynamited a Spanish consulate at Perpignan.

Why Does the Tribune Fear Franco Spy Probe?

AN EDITORIAL

What does the New York Herald Tribune fear from an investigation of the Spanish Fascist spy ring in the United States?

It is not strange that the Herald Tribune was the first newspaper in this country to speak up rather nervously "advising" against exposing General Franco's plotters against democracy and world peace on our soil?

In its editorial "Spy Ring In Our Midst," attacking Senator Nye's proposal for a "searching investigation," the Herald Tribune does not keep up its usual pose of fairness. It is deliberately misleading its readers. It does not give the motive for its journalistic assistance to the Spanish fascists.

Is it because in the building owned by the Paris subsidiary of the New York Herald Tribune (the New York Herald Building) there is the office of one Eduardo Aunos? Senor Aunos has been exposed by the French Communist newspaper, L'Humanite, as the chief of the Franco spy ring in Paris, a spy outfit which has been working hand-in-glove with the American spy nest to help destroy the legitimate government of Spain.

The New York Herald Tribune knows that a congressional investigation would reveal that fact to the American people!

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Furthermore, the New York Herald Tribune is generally desirous not to put obstacles in the way of Spanish reaction.

And in this way, this clever Republican sheet hopes to condone the ferocious Fascist bombardment of the Catholic Basque cultural city of Guernica.

The appeal on behalf of Franco of the leading American mouthpiece of the Liberty League should be rejected by the American people.

Popular opposition to the dangerous implications of the American "neutrality" resolution on Spain is rising.

We call to the attention of the Herald Tribune that when Senator Pittman jammed through the "neutrality" resolution against Spain only one voice was uttered in Congress—that of Representative John T. Bernard—against it.

That was a little more than four months ago.

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The tide is turning fast. The resolution demanding that Hitler and Mussolini be put under the arms embargo provision of the law because of their invasion of Spain received 18 signatures of Congressmen.

Today the resolution in the House demanding the investigation of the Spanish Fascist spy ring has gotten the hearty endorsement of 29 Congressmen. More could have easily been secured to back this measure.

Nor does this accurately represent the trend of popular sentiment, especially since the exposure of the "fascist masterpiece" in the destruction of Guernica.

The terrible fact that right here on the soil of the United States a Fascist spy ring is plotting to aid in the destruction of other Guernicas, is intriguing to plunge the world into another slaughter, is acting in behalf of Mussolini and Hitler and endangering American liberties, demands investigation.

The resolution of Senator Nye in the Senate and of the 29 Congressmen in the House of Representatives should be adopted.

All liberty-loving Americans should send messages to their Congressmen urging the immediate adoption of the probe to expose the Spanish fascist spy ring in the United States.

Italy, Nazis Boost Imports—Indicate Transshipment

By Harry Raymond

The United States neutrality law—approved by Congress on Jan. 8—has apparently not hampered Juan Francisco de Cardenas, General Franco's spy chief in this country, from securing American war materials for the fascist armies in Spain.

A check on export licenses for arms, ammunition and implements of war issued by the State Department before and after the first neutrality law on Spain went into effect strongly indicates that the Spanish fascists are receiving banned U. S. war materials by transshipment from friendly fascist nations.

If a congressional investigating committee, such as proposed by Senator Gerald P. Nye and 29 members of the House, examine the records of the U. S. Office of Arms and Munitions Control it will discover that war shipments from America to Argentina, Italy, Germany, Portugal and Guatemala, powers supporting Franco, have actually increased since the Spanish embargo was declared.

If an investigating committee traced these shipments to their final destinations it would undoubtedly discover that outlawed American war implements were used by the fascists to murder women and children in Guernica.

CARGO TO ARGENTINA

Congress should not let one stone unturned until it learns—not from State Department records but through an actual check on the goods today—what happened to the $2,209,275.00 worth of war supplies licensed to be shipped to Argentina during the month of April this year.

The Argentina Government is friendly to the Franco insurgents and has connections with the Cardenas spy ring in New York City.

It is a significant fact that Argentina arms merchants have increased their orders from the United States from an $18,530 purchase in January to an order for $2,000,000 last month.

The January purchase included an order for aircraft and aircraft parts valued at $810,942. There were other orders for ammunition, military aircraft, pistols and airplane parts amounting to $1,398,332.

WHERE'S DESTINATION?

The searchlight of a Federal investigation should be

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COLUMN LEFT!

By Harrison George

Baloney—Alias Public Relations

A BRAND new magazine of Big Business called "Public Relations" is out, representing, so to speak, the soft side of the Liberty League.

Its sponsors claim to be advertising men who, in sadness, "have seen a collapse of public confidence" in capitalists who have made such a fearful mess of capitalism (though they don't put it that way), and now recommend the cure of "public good will for business" by winning "public faith in the human justice underlying the financial statements of large enterprises."

You see, the public must be brought to see that it is only "human justice" that the workers last year got only $350,000,000 in wage raises while 1,127 corporations got $3,647,801,143 in dividends in 11 months.

But how is this to be done? By propaganda says a Mr. Selvage, who "directs public relations" for the National Association of Manufacturers in an article called "Left versus Right" urging the Right not to be afraid of criticism for using propaganda.

And, although he remarks here and there that facts and truth are to be used, he makes no bones about matters and ends by saying: "The question of the righteousness of one cause or another can be dismissed." A lie is better than the truth if truth has no publicity agent.

In an article on "Public Relations and Strikes" by a Mr. Gallagher, we get a bird's-eye view of the new way to slice baloney. "Strikes are avoidable when public opinion is fully informed before the walkout happens," he contends.

Mr. Gallagher, being a scientific and genteel counterpart of Chowderhead Cohen, abhors the use of "thick-headed guards" and all that sort of "questionable characters." Instead of those bad old ways, he recommends:

"A scientific staff which swings into action to organize public opinion, to defend business against labor racketeers. Spot news men, reporters, wire men, statistical men, land at the strike. Laws and labor requirements are at their finger tips. Every contingency is planned. Full cooperation is given the national and local press. Ambitions of governors, politicians and state boards are carefully considered. Radio broadcasts are carefully checked. Public opinion scientifically studied."

Another article by a visiting Britisher, Sir Charles Higham, contributes frankness. It is titled **"Divided Capital Cannot Withstand United Labor."** And it declares that capital must pool its publicity funds to convince the workers how indispensable the capitalists are. And Sir Charles speaks freely of how he considers workers brainless animals.

"Your average worker," he says, "hasn't the remotest idea of what it means to conceive, organize, develop and manage a large industrial enterprise. He greatly underestimates the brains of industry and finance, and overestimates his own brawn and muscle."

The workers are fearfully stupid, and to get them into the state of mind where they would beg the parasite coupon-clippers never to dream of ceasing to starve and degrade them, would cost $25,000,000 a year, thinks Sir Charles. But, he adds:

"That is a drop in the bucket compared with what American stockholders stand to lose if organized labor ever gets a notion that it has the brains to manage American industry. Labor hasn't the intelligence, initiative or character necessary to do that. Not only labor, but the American people must know that labor cannot manage industry. Who is going to tell them and keep on telling them until they believe it, without trying it. Industry and finance must do it."

Sir Charles, you will observe, either has not heard of the Soviet Union, or doesn't want the workers to learn of that land of socialism, where the workers have built and are managing all the industries of a great nation without a solitary capitalist dividend parasite around to contribute "brains."

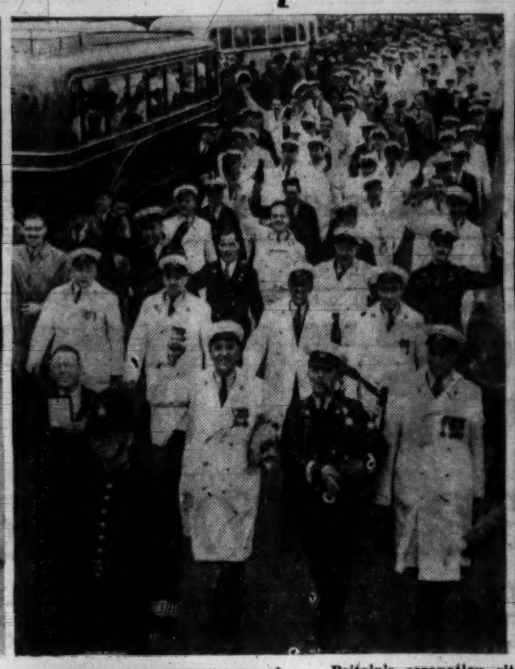
But, such a campaign, he insists, "would make the average voter quite certain that the executive who gets $200,000 or more a year, performs a creative function well worth that figure." Otherwise, he says, "the people will vote muscle into power, and that would be just too bad."

Thus, if families of unemployed workers complain that they have sixty per cent more sickness than employed workers, Public Relations will make 'em understand that they are long on illness because they are short on brains.

When office employes find a "counter" on their typewriters and get speeded-up 50 per cent, they will understand that it's to be welcomed as proof that their boss has brains they never could hope to possess.

In spite of all this baloney, however, it's our idea that American labor has enough brains to figure out an insecticide for these kind "Public Relations" lice.

Great Britain's Masses Speak Out as Rulers Gild the Chains That Bind 500,000,000



Britain's coronation rites, held yesterday, are guiding the chains that bind 500,000,000 people to the colonial empire. But while the rites were under way, busmen continued their strike for a living wage. Harold Clay, bus union leader, is shown (left), and striking busmen are shown in accompanying picture and at extreme right in London's May Day march. Center pictures show Pandit Nehru, president of the Indian Nationalist Congress, which refused to accept the infamous constitution foisted upon the Indian people. Other picture shows an Indian child who toured the streets of Bombay carrying a sign reading "Wreck the Slave Constitution."

JAPAN RAIL WORKERS ASK WAGE BOOST

Representatives of the 200,000 Railmen in Empire List Demands

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

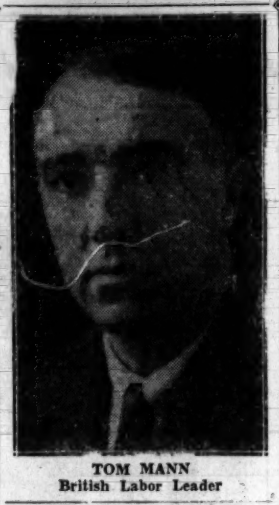
TOKIO, May 12.—The conference of railway union delegates, representing 200,000 workers on the government railroads, resumed its work at Odavara near Tokio today after preliminary discussions during which the Railway Ministry promised a wage raise of "about 10 per cent" on June 1.

The workers are preparing a full list of demands to be presented to the ministry, including a 30 per cent raise, shorter working day and generally improved working conditions.

Because of threats of police repression, on May 3 the delegates, accompanied by about 1,000 workers who came from all over the country to observe the work of the conference, occupied the Railway Workers Club, which is in the center of Tokio.

The workers barricaded the club, organized a meeting and elected a "Committee of Struggle." The workers then presented Railway Minister Godo with a series of demands and refused to leave the club until these demands were granted.

Preliminary discussions with the minister followed, during which he promised a 10 per cent raise. Then the conference at Odavara resumed its work of drawing up a full set of demands.



TOM MANN
British Labor Leader

400 Republicans In Dublin Burn The British Flag

DUBLIN, May 12. — Four hundred members of the Irish Republican Army tonight burned the British flag in protest against King George VI's coronation as "King of Ireland."

Last night many were injured in clashes between police and anti-imperialists on Dublin streets.

The 400 Republicans paraded down Cathal Brugha Street, scene of fierce fighting in 1916 rebellion days, and made a public ceremony of the burning of the British Union Jack.

They shouted demands for complete independence, not of the Free State alone, but the whole of Ireland.

It was the first time in 800 years that the portion of Ireland which is the Free State refused to join in the celebration of a British King's coronation.

The Free State was comparatively calm during most of the day, but not a single British flag was to be seen.

Hawkers who attempted to sell coronation souvenirs were chased from the streets.

Lenin Library To Be Opened in Moscow Nov. 7

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW May 12. — Rapidly nearing completion, the new huge Lenin Public Library, an all-U. S. S. R. institution with a capacity of nearly 10,000,000 volumes, will be ready for opening on November 7.

All the buildings will be finished on that date and will be dedicated in connection with celebration of the 20th anniversary of the great proletarian revolution.

The transfer of books to the new buildings will begin soon, and will be done through specially constructed underground tunnels.

About 8,000,000 volumes will be placed in the library by the time it is opened.

Mussolini Press Lashes U. S. After Borah's Address

ROME, May 12.—Using Senator William Borah's recent anti-fascist speech as a pretext, the Mussolini-controlled press today attacked the United States, Americans and Communism.

Leading the attack were Virginio Gayda' Mussolini's foreign policy mouthpiece, writing in Giornale d'Italia, and Regima Fascista.

Gayda called Borah a "buffoon," and advised him to investigate Communism, "which is behind labor unrest in the United States."

Basques Drive Fascists From Peak Near Bilbao

Mola's Nazi, Italian and Moorish Troops Are Driven Back as Mount Biscargi Is Recaptured

HENDAYE, Franco - Spanish Frontier, May 12.—Basque People's Army forces, clambering up the slopes of bloody Mount Biscargi, tonight drove Mola's Nazi artillery off the ridges northeast of Bilbao and plugged a gap through which the fascist invaders planned to cut off the ancient Basque capital from the sea.

The strategic heights changed hands for the third time in 48 hours in the bloodiest fighting of the Basque campaign.

An army communique said the Basques surged northward to retake the Solluve Heights, nine miles northeast of Bilbao and about five miles due North of Biscargi.

The Biscargi-Solluve front appeared to be the Basque "Marne" upon which the government is staking its defense of the 600-year old Basque capital.

Recapture of Mount Biscargi temporarily checked the giant pincer movement which Mola has been wheeling into position between the capital and the seacoast. Dispatches said the fascists were mowed down as they scattered before the powerful Basque counter-thrust.

Loyalists also claimed recapture of Ligoitia, east of Bilbao, where government militia are striking at the spearhead of a huge triangular wedge held by the fascists.

HALT FOE'S ADVANCE

The Basque counter-drive halted the fascist advance at Amorebieta, southern tip of the Mola line, and was spreading along the entire Basque front.

Mola's forces, composed of Italians, Moors, Nazi Germans and a comparatively small number of Falangists (Franco fascists) and Carlist Monarchists, were pushed back from a number of vantage points they had taken before.

Nazi aviators continued their wanton slaughter of civilians. They extended their bombings to practically isolated farmhouses. Near Algorta, two men and two old women working in the fields were killed by Nazi bombs.

At Lejona, a neighboring village, a Nazi bomb killed two women and a five-year-old girl. The bomb fell close to the farmhouse and destroyed the stables as well. Twelve cows were burned to death in the fire that followed.

Scores of other similar incidents of Nazi murders were reported.

30 IN MADRID FREED FROM RUINS

MADRID, May 12 (UP).—Storm guards dug in the ruins of a large apartment house today to free more than 30 persons trapped in its basement.

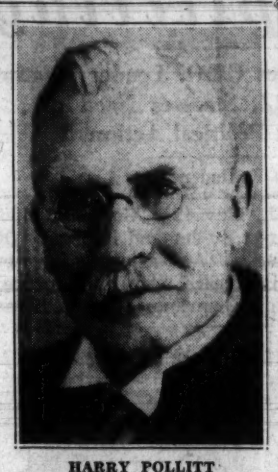
They were sealed in when a fascist bombardment sent about 60 high-explosive shells crashing into central Madrid.

As a result of the bombardment, fresh fish was eaten in Madrid tonight for the first time in five months.

Fifteen fascist shells dropped in a lagoon in the center of the Casa de Campo and blew out 130 pounds of fish which were salvaged and distributed.

FASCIST ARMS FACTORY BOMBED BY LOYALISTS

BARCELONA, May 12.—A squadron of government planes today bombed and set fire to a fascist explosives factory at Sabinanigo on the Aragon front and also bombed the fortifications of Zaragoza.



HARRY POLLITT
Secretary, C. P. Great Britain

Coronation Imperialist Rule Symbol

People's Tradition Is a Long Struggle for Democratic Rights

To dazzle the largest empire in the capitalist world today, the British imperialist rulers put on the greatest display of pomp and splendor when crowning King George VI.

But what shall it profit the 500,000,000 colonial oppressed masses and the wage-workers in all parts of the empire? The symbol of imperialist rule was confirmed. The chains binding the hundreds of millions of subjugated people in India, Africa, Arabia, China and the South Seas were given a new coat of gilt paint.

Spoiling the show is the strike of the London busmen for shorter hours, and the growing sentiment for strikes among the miners and textile workers, for higher wages and better conditions.

Millions who turned out to see the royal circus have now returned to the vile slums, to the long lines of the unemployed, or to the slavish conditions of their factories and shops.

The traditions of the British people, however, are not symbolized by the tinseled pageantry of the coronation but by a long history of struggle for democratic liberties. Centuries ago the ancestors of the British toilers rose against the tyrant King John and won the right of trial by jury. John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell led the people in a successful fight against the "Divine Right of Kings." At that time King Charles I was executed on the order of the House of Commons.

The British people cherish their tradition in the struggle for trade unionism, and the British workers were the first to come out for independent proletarian political action in the Chartist movement.

When the din and shallow showmanship of the coronation is forgotten the colonial masses and the British proletariat, the Irish people, will continue their battle with even greater display than ever before, for their freedom and happiness.

George VI Is Crowned

Communist M. P. Stays Away from Elaborate Pageantry

LONDON, May 12.—King George VI was crowned today.

Bugles blared.

Nearly 10,000 people were injured in the throng that tried to see the imperialist circus.

The coronation pageantry lasted 40 minutes and the total cost—to be borne by the British workers ultimately—ran into hundreds of millions of dollars, the most expensive crowning in history.

It was an elaborate dress rehearsal for whipping up British "patriotism" for the war now being prepared with the aid of the British government's $7,500,000,000 armaments budget.

Five Scotch members of parliament, including Communist William Gallacher, stayed away from the pageant and made anti-coronation speeches in Glasgow.

The king made a speech over a worldwide hook-up, in which, among other things, he referred to "the example of courage and good citizenship" of "those who are living under the shadow of sickness or distress."

Millions of these good citizens, taxed, exploited, starved and oppressed in the British Empire, were not helped a bit by the king's speech.

Brazil Troops Massed Near North Border

Vargas Seen Moving to Crush Opposition in Election

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, May 12. — Dictator Getulio Vargas of Brazil massed troops on the northern border of Rio Grande do Sul state today as he neared a "showdown" with former Gov. Flores da Cunha in a situation that contained possibilities of revolution, frontier reports said.

Five train loads of troops were rushed southward from Rio de Janeiro immediately after Cunha, removed from office a few days ago by Vargas, announced that he would support Armando Salles de Olveira for president.

The election is eight months away.

The former Rio Grande governor was reported to have a large force of well-equipped state troops.

The massing of national troops was interpreted as an indication that Vargas might intervene openly not only in Rio Grande but also in the state of Bahia.

OTHER TROOPS MOVE

Two other troop trains in charge of Gen. Goes Monteiro left Rio de Janeiro last Monday for Sao Paulo, headquarters of Gov. Cunha and center of Brazil's rich coffee growing belt. Their movements since have been shrouded by a strict government censorship.

It was considered significant that da Cunha's anhouncement was sent by airplane from Porto Alegre to Sao Paulo as that was believed to indicate that he still was in control of the state's telegraph lines though he had been removed, at least theoretically, from office.

The demand made in Rio de Janeiro yesterday for the arrest of the Governor of Pernambuco was believed to be another indication that Vargas is preparing to crush all opposition in the elections.

Child Bill Hearings

ALBANY, May 12 (UP).—Governor Lehman announced today he would conduct a public hearing May 19 on the Moffat Bill banning sale in New York State of goods made with the aid of child labor.

SWOC Weighs Strike At Republic Plants

Attempt to Revive Company Union at Massillon Plant Meets Challenge by C.I.O. Unionists—Denounce Plan from Floor at Meeting

CLEVELAND, O., May 12.—The 53,000 workers of Republic Steel today anxiously awaited a signal for strike action from the Steel Workers Organizing Committee now weighing the company's flat refusal to sign a contract.

The company in its answer said "it saw no necessity, in view of the Wagner Act, for signing."

"They take the position that in the last analysis they are the only people competent to judge what their employes should do," Clinton S. Golden, regional director of the SWOC, said.

"With the exception of the National Steel Co. (Weir), there is no company that has resorted to terroristic methods to the same extent as has Republic."

DETERMINED ON PACT

Golden today conferred with Phillip Murray, national head of the SWOC drive, on a final decision.

"We have 100,000 men working under signed agreement in steel in the Northern Ohio district. The employes of Republic steel are determined to have a signed agreement as well," said B. J. Damash, field organizer of the CIO in Cleveland.

Republic operates 78 mills in 35 communities.

REPUBLIC REVIVES OLD COMPANY UNION

CANTON, O., May 12.—The Republic Steel Co attempted last night to revive its company union in the Massillon plant. All production was stopped at 7:30 P.M. and the entire night shift and office force were ordered to the company's auditorium.

All workers were paid for the time lost at the meeting.

At the meeting a company union representative named Likenhale offered a plan for turning the organization into an "independent" union. No dues are to be paid now, he said, but 50 cents every three months are to be paid after July.

Joe Morton, CIO local president, challenged the speakers and denounced the entire scheme as a company trick. Questions on who paid for the hall remained unanswered. No vote was taken. A collection from the floor netted two dollars.

The CIO speakers were cheered throughout the meeting by the overwhelming majority. The company men were booed and challenged at every instance. Not one signed applications for the proposed "independent" union. There was an attendance of between 2,500 and 3,000. The meeting gave undisputed indication that the strike plans of the SWOC will get full backing at the Massillon plant.

Saw Sparks From Zep's Exhaust Before Explosion

LAKEHURST, N. J., May 12.—While experts testified that they saw sparks come out of the exhaust of the engines of the ill-fated Hindenburg just before her crash last week, a group of three detectives of the New York Bomb Squad today searched among the dirigible's wreckage for evidence of a bomb. They found none.

Lieut. Benjamin May II, assistant mooring officer who watched the disaster from atop the mooring mast, said that the trail ropes "seemed to be very dry."

Concerning the explosion, he said:

"Long thin streaks of fire came out horizontally along the side of the ship. The whole structure seemed to collapse. There was a muffled explosion at the time, but no concussion.

Lieut. Richard S. Andrews, another mooring officer, testified that he saw a spark "come out of the exhaust smoke" from the engines.

Sentiment for Spain Growing in Boston

Father Michael O'Flanagan to Speak There Early in June—Ambassador De los Rios Draws Big Crowd to Meeting

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, May 12.—Despite pro-fascist attempts to hamstring activities of the Greater Boston Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, sentiment in Boston—measured by response to Committee campaigns and meetings—continues to mount against the fascist invaders of Spain.

The latest stunt of the reactionary pro-Franco clique here was the sabotage of a scheduled radio speech by Fernando de los Rios, Spanish ambassador, last Friday.

A large turnout is expected at the Spanish Cabaret and dance on Friday at Repertory Hall, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Medical Bureau.

One of the biggest meetings on behalf of Spanish democracy is expected to take place early in June, when Father Michael O'Flanagan, famous Irish anti-fascist priest, will speak here.

BROADCAST HELD UP

Ambassador de los Rios spoke to more than 900 people at Ford Hall on "The Cultural Aspect of the Spanish Struggle." Dr. Walter B. Cannon, world famous physiologist of Harvard Medical School, and national chairman of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, was chairman. Rev. Donald G. Lothrop, chairman of the committee, was the other speaker.

The meeting was preceded by a dinner at the City Club. Rev. Vivian T. Pomeroy of Milton was toastmaster. Professor Pedro Salinas of Wellesley and Ambassador de los Rios spoke.

Arrangements had also been made for a broadcast over WEEI. The radio station approved the manuscript of his speech and everything was set. Suddenly, difficulties began to crop up at the last minute. The station made excuses, then offered time which it knew could not be accepted because of other engagements.

WHAT'S ON

Philadelphia

DANCE RECITAL. Merle Hirsh and New World Dancers. Walnut Street Theatre. Friday, May 21st. Ausp.: International Labor Defense.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING of all City and Unit Functionaries on May 13th, 8 P.M. at Boslover Hall, 701 Pine St. All unit and city functionaries are to attend.

MEDICAL BUREAU to Aid Spanish Democracy. Phila. Chapter sponsoring concert of Spanish and Russian Songs by Emma Redell, at Witherspoon Hall, Walnut and Juniper Sts. Adm. 50c. Friday, May 14 at 8:30 P.M. Madelin Blitzstein Medical Bureau, 322 South 16th St.

"LET FREEDOM RING," the great American folk drama dealing with the development of oppressed Southern mountaineers into militant organized textile workers, will open at the New Theatre Studios of Philadelphia, 317 N. 16th St., on Friday, May 14 at 8:40 P.M. The Textile Workers Organizational Committee has taken the house for that evening. Saturday, May 15, is the first open night for this play. Adm. 55c. Hundreds of Trade Union members in Phila. have already made sure of their tickets. Telephone Locust 9045 now and make your own reservations. "Let Freedom Ring," will run every Friday and Saturday evening at 8:40 P.M. until the end of June, at the New Theatre Studios of Philadelphia, 311 North 16th St.

COME to YCL Welcome—home to delegates to 8th National Convention. Dancing, refreshments, new songs learned at the convention. Saturday, May 15, 139 S. 10th St. Adm. 25c.

Chicago, Ill.

BIG DANCE. YCL Reception for 8th National Convention delegates. Hull House, 800 So. Halsted. 8:30 P.M. sharp. Saturday, May 15. Admission 15c.

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23rd Convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union

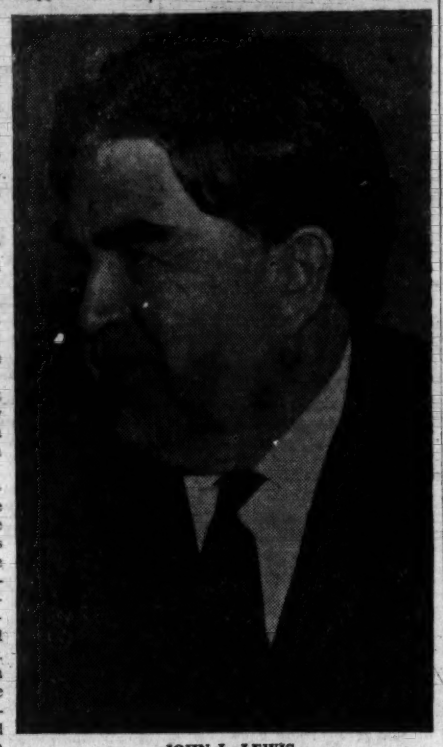
Text of Speech by John L. Lewis, Chairman of the C. I. O.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 12.—Following is the text of the speech of John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization, at the convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union:

Mr. President, members of the general executive board, delegates of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union:

I bring you fraternal greetings from all of the organizations associated with the Committee for Industrial Organization, its great membership, the newly organized workers throughout American industry, who look to your great union as one of their own ideals. And I bring you greetings from the 600,000 members of the United Mine Workers of America. (Applause)

I think I stated to the members of your general executive board on one occasion, when I had an opportunity to meet briefly with them, that there was a relationship and an affinity between the workers in the garment trades and the men in the mines that perhaps was not understood by those not in close association with them.



JOHN L. LEWIS

But the membership of the United Mine Workers throughout the years has watched the struggle of your organization and its members. It has been proud when the opportunity offered to lend any assistance that might be possible. And with you, we express our pride in the accomplishments of your union in recent years, its great growth in membership, the expansion of its influence and the consequently greater degree of services which your union can render to those who are its members and those who support it and sustain it in its activities, in its accomplishments and in its vicissitudes.

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But I come primarily here today to address you as the representative of that great group of American workers who have assembled themselves together and are now marching forward to the destiny of labor in America under the banner of the C.I.O. (Applause)

Just a little over one and a half years ago in this very convention hall, the issues within the councils of the A. F. of L. were joined and those leaders of that movement who felt that the labor movement of America should render a greater service of increased opportunity to America's working men, stated their position to American labor and to the American people from this platform.

"The majority report and the minority report of the Committee on resolutions to the 1935 convention of the A. F. of L. were debated from this platform, and the fateful decision of the A. F. of L., through its delegates, was rendered from that floor. And from those chairs in which you delegates now sit and from that moment, when the A. F. of L. decided officially that it preferred to dwell in the past and take the easy way rather than modernize its practices, than go forward in the future with progressive workers in a mass, has come the great movement which had its beginnings at that time.

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Just a day or two after that expression of the convention, the small group of men met in the hotel just up the boardwalk a few yards and took counsel each with the other. Your organization was represented by your distinguished president at that informal meeting in the city of Washington, when their Committee on Industrial Organization formed, its declarations and objectives set forth and announcements of its personnel were made to the public.

From that time on, the work has gone forward; from that time on, the unorganized workers of this country were encouraged to organize; from that time on, progress has been made, and from that time on, the C.I.O. and the men who form that committee and the organizations who compose it, have been subjected to a continuous, bitter degree of criticism and opposition.

We expect that criticism and that opposition, because great movements with great thoughts breed great opposition and so it has been with our movement. In January of 1936, after the C.I.O. was formed in November of 1935, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, meeting in Florida, without summons or hearing, by resolution adopted by the executive council, declared the C.I.O. to be dual in character to the A. F. of L. and put upon it the brand of being an outlaw among men.

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In August of 1936, the executive council sitting at Washington, without warrant of the constitution and without legality in law, suspended the ten organizations composing this C.I.O. from membership in the executive council, effective as of the fifth day of September in 1936.

Branded as being a dual organization, as having objectives not constant or consistent with the policies and laws of the A. F. of L. a million men and women comprising ten great international unions were ejected from the American Federation of Labor and deprived of their privilege of attending the following convention to be held in Tampa in the month of October. Those million men and women were not represented in that convention and had no part in the decisions of that convention and the convention ratified the previous action of the executive council.

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Since that time the A. F. of L. has consistently opposed, criticized and denounced the C.I.O. What for?

I might just at this moment refresh your memories by reading a paragraph or two from the minority report of the committee on resolutions to the A. F. of L. convention of 1935 in this hall.

"We, the minority of the committee, refuse to accept existing conditions as evidence that the organization policies of the A. F. of L. have been successful. The fact that after 55 years of activity and effort we have enrolled under the banner of the A. F. of L. approximately 3,500,000 members of the 39,000,000 of organizable workers is a condition that speaks for itself. We declare that the time has arrived when common sense demands that the organization policies of the A. F. of L. must be moulded to meet present day needs.

"In the great mass production industries and those in which the workers are composite mechanics, specialized, engaged upon classes of work which do not fully qualify them for craft union membership, industrial organization is the only solution. Continuous employment, economic security and the ability to protect the individual worker depend upon organization upon industrial lines. In these industries where the work performed by a majority of the workers is of such a nature that it might fall within the jurisdictional claim of more than one craft union or no established craft union it is declared that industrial organization is the only form that will be acceptable to the workers or adequately meet their needs. Jurisdictional claims over small groups of workers in these industries prevent organization by breeding a fear that when once organized, the workers in those plants will be separated, unity of action and their economic power destroyed by requiring various groups to transfer various organizations, organized upon craft lines.

"To successfully organize the workers in industrial establishments where conditions outlined herein obtain, there must be a clear declaration by the American Federation of Labor. It must recognize the right of these workers to organize into industrial unions and be granted unrestricted charters which guarantee the right to accept into membership all workers employed in the industry or establishment without fear of being compelled to destroy unity of action through recognition of jurisdictional claims made by National or international unions."

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Those are simple words. But how compelling and how powerful in the logic of their application. Those words ring just as true today as they did on the day in which they were first uttered in this convention hall.

That minority report is signed by Charles P. Howard, David Dubinsky, Frank B. Powers, A. A. Myrrup, J. C. Lewis and John L. Lewis. That report is the principle upon which the C. I. O. was formed and it forms the basis of its present policy and will continue to be the basis of its future policy (applause).

This report declares that the A. F. of L. must recognize the right of workers to organize in industrial unions and be granted unrestricted charters. Does anyone within the sound of my voice have any official or unofficial knowledge that the A. F. of L. to this date has given anywhere, at any time, any indication that it is willing to concede in whole or in part the principles set forth in this document?

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Two weeks before the executive council suspended ten international unions in the month of August, 1936, President Green of the A. F. of L. asked to see me and I met him. And he said to me substantially:

"Is there any way in which this dispute can be settled?" I said to him substantially: "Yes, on the basis of your recent declaration to the members of the American Federation of Labor sent out by official circular letter from your office, namely, that there is room in the American Federation of Laobr for both the craft and the industrial type organizations (applause).

"If it be true," quoth I to President Green, "then I suggest, and the C. I. O. empowers me to suggest, that we identify the industries in which industrial organizations would be sponsored, fathered and protected and chartered by the A. F. of L."

"What are those industries?" asked President Green. I replied: "I could write a list of those industries in one minute." (They were so obvious and so well known and so recognized that everyone was familiar with their identity. I could write such a list in one minute.)

"But, before I write such a list, President Green, let me ask you: If I just write one industry down, and make that the steel industry, will the A. F. of L. accept a settlement on that basis?"

And his reply was "No."

The conference ended. That was the attitude of the A. F. of L. two weeks before they suspended these million men and women in August of 1935. Since that time nothing has happened to indicate any change of policy upon the part of the A. F. of L., but much has happened to indicate that the rank and file of workers in the mass production industries have lost confidence in the A. F. of L. and are no longer desirous of being members of the A. F. of L.

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During our steel campaign of organizing the workers in the steel industry, the applications for membership formed a perfect barometer of the sentiment of those workers.

Whenever the newspapers of this country blasoned upon their headlines that some one proposed peace with the A. F. of L., down would go the list of applications from the field workers because the workers in the steel industry had no confidence in the A. F. of L. They had lived too many years in economic misery and exploitation in the steel industry while the American Federation of Labor looked on. They didn't want to belong to a union that they thought might become reinstated or reestablished with the A. F. of L.

But let the newspapers blazon to the public that prospects of peace were dim and that they had been dissipated and up went the lists of applications in the steel industry and our organizers reported enthusiasm among the workers. They believed in the CIO but they didn't believe in the A. F. of L.

Three hundred thousand of these workers have now joined the CIO (applause). A great union has been formed in the steel industry. Wage contracts have been negotiated upon a broad scale and more wage contracts will be negotiated in the steel industry. The workers in that industry want to belong to a modern and progressive labor movement and not a labor movement that will subdivide them and weaken their strength and turn them over to their common foes and prevent them from achieving their destiny as workers.

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The CIO in other industries has been eminently successful in organizing tremendous numbers of workers and the enrollment is going on. New unions are being formed, charters are being issued and the CIO is entering upon what might be termed the second phase of its organizational activities. Regional offices are being setup in the major industrial centers and charters are being issued to workers in miscellaneous industries as contrasted with our policy of concentrating for some time our efforts in certain basic mass production industries.

The CIO has caught the imagination of the American workman. It offers him hope for the future and he is lending that committee and the organizations enrolled in it, the tsrength, his fealty, his service and his influence.

Why is that so? For many long weary months, while the steel campaign and the auto campaign were being prosecuted, the executives of the A. F. of L. from President Green down went about this country whispering to all whom they met that the CIO campaign was a failure, that in the steel industry it was a flop, and whether they talked to representatives of the workers or whether they talked to the representatives of industry they whispered the glad tidings that the CIO couldn't organize the steel industry.

That they were fools to think so and that all that any one needed to do was to be quiet and patient, and time would show that the CIO could not establish a union among the steel workers of this country, and if they did establish a union among the steel workers, it was unreasonable to expect such gigantic corporations as United States Steel and others would ever deal with that committee.

The word of men who lend their strength to the enemies of labor.

Three days before the contract was signed with the United States Steel corporation for its subsidiaries, President Green was whispering around the lobby of the Hamilton Hotel in Washington that the CIO steel campaign was a flop.

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In February for many long days, I sat in conference with the executives of the General Motors Corporation in the office of the Governor of the state of Michigan in Detroit. Two hundred thousand men were on strike in General Motors plants. The attention of the whole country was directed to that fight. It was an up-hill fight against one of the greatest corporations in America, with unlimited resources, and they were fighting. The Governor of Michigan called this conference. The conference lasted through long days and many long nights, and the men who sat there were weary and worn and haggard from loss of sleep, nervous strain and intense fatigue.

One day, the telephone bell rang in the conference and the call was from Washington, D. C., for the Governor. He answered that phone. On the other end of the telephone was President William Green of the A. F. of L. who said he was speaking from his office and was surrounded by the presidents of the metal trades and building trades organizations at that time. And in Washington President William Green pounded the table and talked in the telephone and demanded that the Governor of Michigan not permit any settlement of the General Motors strike with the C.I.O. or the United Auto Workers.

That is not merely treason to the labor movement; that is an act of moral turpitude. That is an offense against morality. General Motors with all of its millions, didn't need William Green's strength at that moment. (Applause.) But they got it! They got it! and they can probably get it again. William Green and his metal trades presidents, including that . . . (Laughter) famous army colonel of his, sent telegrams to the General Motors executives also demanding that G. M. not make a settlement with the C.I.O., although among those 200,000 men on strike William Green did not have a single man organized. That isn't only treason, that is moral turpitude. And be it on their own conscience.

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And do you think that there is one single man among the 300,000 members of the United Auto Workers, who have recently won for the union collective bargaining contracts, who would want to be a member of the A. F. of L. or pay dues to support a crowd guilty of such acts? You can take my word that it is not so. They don't want any peace with the A. F. of L. And neither do I want any peace with the American Federation of labor (Applause.)

The American Federation of Labor did the same thing in the Chrysler situation. Mr. Arthur Wharton wrote a letter to Chrysler, Mr. Wharton being president of the machinists union and Mr. Chrysler being president of the Chrysler Corporation, asking him to make a contract for his plant with his organization on the ground that some time in his life Chrysler had worked in a machine shop. They telegraphed, all of those organizations, to the Chrysler Corporation while the conference was going on in Lansing, Mich., protesting against a contract being made with the United Auto Workers and the C.I.O.

The affiliates of the A. F. of L. are making a practice of that proposition now. You have heard of the contract recently signed with the Edison Company in New York. Negotiations have been held with various other corporations asking those corporations to permit the executives of the A. F. of L. to introduce the craft organizations into their plant on a basis something like a company union.

In the first place, your organization and my organization and the other organizations in the C.I.O. were suspended by the executive council without warrant in order to keep your organization and the rest of them from debating this question further in the councils of the A. F. of L. convention.

Then the same gentlemen talked about democracy. If they don't fear democarcy and its instruments and its actions why couldn't they have permitted those organizations to have remained in the A. F. of L. to be fought out again in the councils of the convention at Tampa.

The answer is that they feared the increasing strength and prestige of the C.I.O. They didn't want to take a chance. And the answer is they feel more safe when they are separated from industrial organization. And the answer is that willy nilly, come what may, they expect to keep the A. F. of L. just as pure and just as undefiled from contamination with industrial organization as the dictator Hitler says he wants to keep the German people free from contamination—just the same thing. (Applause.)

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Peace in the labor movement? Who created war? The C.I.O. did not withdraw from the A. F. of L. They dedicated themselves to the proposition of organizing unorganized workers and bringing them into the A. F. of L. (Applause.) If that be a crime and if that be treason, let the federation make the most of it—and they have.

In July of 1936 the C.I.O. made an arrangement with the Amalgamated Association of Steel, Iron and Tin Workers, a little struggling organization in the steel industry, which was one of the original founders of the A. F. of L., to organize unorganized steel workers and put them into the Amalgamated organization, a chartered organization, one of the five that founded the A. F. of L. 50 years or more ago. That was in July when they started in that way. In August the ten organizations were suspended. All the crime of which they had been guilty of up to that time was organizing new members in that union affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Well, what has changed since that came about? Has the Federation changed its policy? Has any union in the federation changed its policy? Has any announcement been made that the policy of the federation on industrial unions declared in this proposition has been changed from its previous expressions? The answer is "no."

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It is true that there are men in the federation who are now more concerned with the future of the federation than they were. It is true that they suggest that there ought to be peace. It is true that they now suggest that lack of unity in the labor movement is a bad thing, something that they didn't know a year ago. But I don't know that it is such a bad thing. There are a million and a quarter new members of organized labor who have come into the C. I. O. (Applause.)

There are a million and a quarter men and women, new members of the unions, most of them working under negotiated contracts, belonging to the C. I. O., marching with their brothers and sisters in the labor movement, going forward with the objectives of labor, for the attainment of its ideals. Why? Because the men who founded it and the men who supported the C. I. O. have the courage of their convictions and the loyalty necessary to adhere to a principle. (Applause.)

So these men who whisper across restaurant tables and other places that a serious situation prevails and that labor is disunited and that our adversaries may take advantage of it, merely ignore the fact that these hundreds of thousands of members have come into the union, that labor in America now is no longer weak, that labor under new inspiration is on the march and is going forward and that for the first time in the memory of most of us, we can see ahead a long vista of increased and enlarged opportunity, not only for the workers of America, but for all Americans. (Applause.)

I have no desire to interrupt that march or to bring further confusion into the ranks of labor by stopping the work of organization and attempting again to iron out our differences with the A. F. of L. If the A. F. of L. wants peace, it should issue some official statement that it is willing to concede the principles for which the C. I. O. was formed. (Applause.)

The simplest premise upon which peace conversations may be held is to give some indication that the federation is willing to bargain on a basis of equality and on a basis of recognition of the principle which caused the cleavage in the first instance. If they do not do that thing, then I have no desire and I think I bespeak the unanimous sentiment of the organizations affiliated with the C.I.O. that to waste any time or waste any energy in fruitless conversation with William Green and John Brown and Matthew Woll and Thomas Rickett and others of their like, who created this situation, who have written and enunciated the burning words of criticism and denunciations of our entire movement, that there is no advantage whatsoever in going into a conference with the A. F. of L. unless the A. F. of L. as the quid pro quo in advance of such conference, indicates that it will recognize the principle upon which the C.I.O. is founded. (Applause.)

I want to say that I appreciate the opportunity of being here in your convention. Your union has achieved a proud position, a position of great strength and influence. The support of the Committee for Industrial Organization in the past has been profoundly and deeply appreciated. Your strength adds to our strength; your members, by and large and generally speaking, are overwhelmingly in support of the principles of industrial organization (Applause.)

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I would like to see the Ladies Garment Workers Union play an even larger and more important part in the work of our committee. (Applause) We have people to organize. In the great textile industry of the country, employing perhaps a million and a quarter people, we are now conducting an organizing campaign.

With respect to the yarn and the knitgoods industry, your union has been told by the committee to write its own ticket. We want your help in that work. You can do great work and I know we will receive that support.

We are going forward out of the textile industry into other industries. The C. I. O. is opening up a regional office in New York City and within recent days you may have noted that we have organized the transport workers in New York. (Applause.) We are going to organize a great international union of transport workers on the basis of this membership in New York City, and the C. I. O. is going to give full and complete support to that work of organization. But there is work to do in this country, my friends, and we do not have too much time in which to do it. We want to accomplish some of this work in your lifetime and in my lifetime.

Time is an element. It is known to all now that some of the great questions affecting the workers of this country have not yet been solved. Our unemployment question is one that still is a profound menace to the future economic stability of America. The very improvement in business in the increased volume of production, in sales expansions and margins of profits carry with it the seed of unemployment because as industry and business are able to increase their volume of business and their margins of profit, there will be continuous plant modernization and continuous increase of labor-saving devices and the utilization of energy by automatic and semi-automatic machines.

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Already some of our economists are predicting the next economic collapse in America. But is it true, my friends, is it true and is that the best our statesmen have to offer us, that in a year or two, or three, we will again have to be plunged into the depths of economic despair by another economic collapse in America? If that be true, and if that is all our industrialists and our financiers and our statesmen have to offer us, the continuous cycle and a continuous chain through the years, of human tragedy and deprived opportunity if that be true, it is time for labor to organize and do something about it. (Applause.)

And labor is organizing—labor is organizing and the desire to organize permeates every classification of labor—both the manual and the white collar classifications in America. Let us take advantage of the opportunities to organize now because tomorrow the workers in this country will need the organizations of labor upon which to lean, to counsel them, to support them and to sustain them. And America needs these organizations of labor to form forums with councils wherein more Americans may get together and consider the policies which the America of tomorrow must adopt.

I stand for an increased opportunity for all Americans. I stand for an increased participation by labor in the increased efficiency and productivity of the industries. (Applause)

There is no other answer in logic, in economics or American politics. I stand for an increased participation by Americans in the government of our nation. (Applause)

So I call upon labor to organize—to stand erect—to demand its rights—organize—organize here in America. And after we have organized, if someone wants to talk peace, we will talk peace.

Lewis Blames A.F. of L. Council for Splitting

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By Louis F. Budenz

the shoulders of the A. F. of L. executive council, where it belongs.

Step by step, he drew the indictment of that leadership, of their strikebreaking interference in the automobile strikes and other campaigns. After referring to the suspensions, he asked: "Well, what has changed since that came about? Has the Federation changed its policy?" Has any union in the Federation changed its policy? Has any announcement been made that the policy of the Federation on industrial unions declared in this proposition has been changed from its previous expressions? The answer is "No."

Lewis disclosed what was hitherto unknown, that a month before the suspensions he had conferred with President Green of the A. F. of L. on unity in the movement. He revealed that at this conference Green had refused to consider industrial unionism even in the steel industry.

Continuing his indictment of the men at the head of the A. F. of L. "who lend their strength to the enemies of labor," he scathingly criticized William Green's strikebreaking in the General Motors strike.

ASSAILS FREY

"That is not merely treason to the Labor movement," he declared. "That is an act of moral turpitude. That is an offense against morality."

When he came to refer to John P. Frey, "that famous army colonel," Lewis drew laughter by pausing after the word "that" and making a gesture as though he befouled his mouth by mentioning Frey at all.

THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE

Then he struck out with this statement, which drew thuderous applause.

"If the American Federation of Labor wants peace, it should issue some official statement that it is willing to concede the principles for which the Committee for Industrial Organization was formed."

Emphasizing that the problem of unemployment has not been solved and that "industrialists and economists" are predicting another collapse, the C. I. O. leader declared: "if this be true, it is time for Labor to organize and do something about it."

"There is work to do in this country, my friends, he stressed, "and we do not have too much time in which to do it. We want to accomplish some of the work in your life time and in my life time."

TREMENDOUS OVATION

Lewis entered the Convention Hall at 11 o'clock, as per schedule. He was accompanied by the welcoming committee appointed by President Dubinsky—vice presidents Julius Hochman, I. Nagler, and Luigi Antonini.

Immediately, the convention broke loose in a tremendous ovation, in which the chant of "C. I. O." echoed and re-echoed through the hotel building. Once, some of the anti-C. I. O. delegates piped up feebly: "We want peace," but that was quickly downed in roll after roll of "C. I. O." thunder.

This thunder grew in volume and became ear-splitting after President Dubinsky's introductory address. He declared this to be "the most important moment in our convention."

Then, the International Union president went on to acclaim the "miracle" accomplished by the C.I.O. in the "organization of hundreds of thousands of workers into the trade union movement."

Dubinsky, referring to a section of the union's general executive board report, declared that "surely an examination of the current scene justifies industrial unionism in the mass production industries."

INTRODUCES LEWIS

The A. F. of L. leadership "did not have the vision, the will or the courage" to take up this work, he went on. There was one leader "who had the courage, the initiative and idealism" for "the great start that has been made, that has electrified the American workers."

It is not only the mass production workers who have benefitted by the C.I.O. campaigns, Dubinsky stressed, but the members of the craft unions as well have gained. Then, bringing on a storm of cheers and chants and stamping of feet, he introduced Lewis as "the man who caused the awakening of American labor, the man who represents the hopes and aspirations of the American people and American labor."

After Lewis had concluded his address, Dubinsky again emphasized that unity in the labor movement must come on the basis of the C. I. O. program. He added, however, that he did not care, for his part, whether such unity came from an announcement previously made on policy by the A. F. of L. leadership or through conferences. Some day, he declared, there would be a unified labor movement again.

A NATIONAL LABOR PARTY

The I. L. G. W. U. president expressed pleasure at Lewis' statement that in the knitgoods campaign, the I.L.G.W.U. "can write its own ticket." He interpreted that to mean that the agreement between the union and the United Textile Workers would be respected.

The convention followed up Lewis's speech this afternoon with the passage of resolutions pledging the International Union to cooperate with progressive groups and Farmer and Labor parties in the formation of a National Labor Party.

At the same time, the American Labor Party was endorsed and the Labor's Non-Partisan League was pointed to as a road along which labor can travel toward independent political action.

These recommendations, adopted by the convention, were submitted by the Committee on Resolutions through its chairman, Julius Hochman.

Ben Gerjoy of Local 22, in supporting the resolutions, brought applause from the delegates in pointing to the victory of Vincent J. Murphy, secretary of the New Jersey Federation of Labor, in being elected Commissioner in Newark, at the head of the list. "This means that this representative of labor should be mayor of Newark," he declared.

"WILL STOP FASCISM"

Gerjoy gave that as one example of the growing unity of labor politically and stressed that "the growth of a strong part of labor will stop fascism in America."

Further applause greeted his allusion to the People's Front in France, "where fascism has reached a very serious check."

Gerjoy pointed to the statement of the American Ambassador to Berlin, W. F. Dodd, as evidence of the continuous plots to establish fascism in this country. He expressed the hope, to insure the unity forever of the forces of labor, against reaction, that the G.E.B. would carry through "the spirit of the resolution building up this political party of the workers, with the participation of men and women of all political affiliations."

Speaking on the same resolutions, first vice-president Luigi Antonini brought down the plaudits of the delegates, with the statement that the American Labor Party will obtain "half a million votes" in the coming mayoralty election in New York. That, he pointed out, is a telling vote, which will decide the election.

Antonini showed that the A.L.P. is now standing on its own feet. He pointed out how the candidates of the Labor Party and the Democratic Party had been the same in the last election. But immediately after the election, the Democratic politicians began an onslaught on the A.L.P. and other smaller parties through the Berg Bills.

Antonini declared, amid applause, that the veto of the Berg Bills by Governor Lehman was due "to the influence of the American Labor Party." He paid tribute to the work of I. Nagler of the Cloakmakers in the establishment of the A.L.P.

Sortly before adjournment, the afternoon session was electrified with receipt of a wire from the Abraham Lincoln Battalion in Spain, stating that "We Shall Pass," extending fraternal greetings and expressing the hope that the union would give continued support to their efforts in Spain.

Guest speakers today included Arturo Giovannitti, poet and educator, who declared that the action of the Italian locals in the I.L.G.W.U. had vindicated the Italian race. He declared that the Italian people were for democracy and against fascism, and hailed the present "Renaissance of all American labor."

Dr. George M. Price also spoke of the work of the Union Health Center and of other health activities of the International Union.

Tomorrow the convention will hear other distinguished speakers including Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and George L. Berry, chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League and newly-appointed United States Senator from Tennessee.

House Turns Down Roosevelt's Proposal For Permanent CCC

WASHINGTON, May 12 (UP).—Overriding President Roosevelt's recommendations, the House today passed and sent to the Senate a bill continuing the Civilian Conservation Corps for two years.

The President had asked that the C.C.C. be made permanent.

As passed by the House, the bill fixes pay of enrollees at $30 per month with a ten per cent differential for corps leaders and amended the measure so that at least ten hours per week must be given enrollees in vocational and educational training

Detroit, Cleveland Union Leaders Demand Franco Spy Probe

AUTO UNION LEADERS ASK U. S. INQUIRY

Mortimer, Addes, Martel, Rev. Marvin Join in Asking Action

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, May 12. — Leading trade unionists in the motor capital read the Daily Worker's expose of Franco's spies today and demanded an immediate investigation of the fascist plot.

Wyndham Mortimer, first vice president of the United Automobile Workers Union; George Addes, secretary-treasurer of the motor union; and Frank X. Martel, president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor urged quick action against the conspirators. "The American labor movement" declared Mortimer, "has given its full sympathy to Spanish workers who are fighting to preserve the democracy that they won through legal election.

"The working people of this country would be definitely opposed to any fascist activities on this soil for the benefit of the opponents of Spanish democracy. When these activities are illegal and constitute a danger to our own peace, then the government must act to stop them. Organized labor will demand that it do so."

Addes said:

"Organized labor in this country will not tolerate either war or fascism. Activities of spies of Spanish fascists operating here are a threat to both peace and democracy. Congress should certainly make an investigation and safeguard the United States against becoming involved in any sort of situation that would lead us to war."

Martel said:

"Participation in a plot against the Spanish government by any people in this country is not only a violation of law but is repugnant to the American people inasmuch as the Spanish government represents ideals which are much nearer akin the ideals of America than are the ideals represented by General Franco.

"If anybody violates international law they should be prosecuted. The Nye investigation, backed by facts, must go on."

Reverend John E. Martin, associate editor of the "Michigan Christian Advocate," said that the Daily Worker exposure showed "what fascism will do." "This thing," he said, 'should be investigated until there is nothing left to investigate. I am in full support of a congressional investigation by Senator Nye. The American people must be on guard against such groups whose activities are inimical to our best interests."

Hollywood Crafts Ask Dockers' Aid

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nize the picket line of the striking crafts. Some have refused to go through the picket line.

Leaders of the striking crafts announced that two independent studios not affected by the strike had opened negotiations to recognize the FMPC.

Strikers said the two independents, Walter Wanger and Republic Pictures, offered to recognize the union and to meet with union leaders in an attempt to negotiate wage and working condition agreements within the week.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., May 12.—In a wire to the striking Federation of Motion Picture Crafts in Hollywood today, Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers of America, announced that picketing of eleven of the biggest theaters in Detroit will begin Thursday morning, and will last "for the duration of the strike."

"All locals of the U.A.W.," said the message of solidarity, "will be notified that producers mentioned in your telegram are unfair to organized labor. Automobile workers throughout the nation are solidly behind you in your struggle for decent working conditions."

In explanation of the U.A.W. decision, Homer Martin said "we are making our protest against the refusal of the motion pictures companies to deal fairly with the A. F. of L. unions in Hollywood.

"This is the U.A.W. and the C.I.O. in protest against discrimination against A. F. of L. unions."

From now until the strike is settled, four pickets, all members of the U.A.W., will be in front of every large Detroit theater from 10.30 a. m. until 9 p. m. every day.

Movie picketing will be under the supervision of Richard Frankensteen, organizational director of the U. A. W.

Paris Police See Plot to Murder Jugoslavia Prince

PARIS, May 12 (UP).—A purported plot to assassinate Regent Prince Paul of Jugoslavia was disclosed tonight by secret police after the arest of Stephen Mazurick, leader of the notorious Oustachi terrorists who planned the assassination of King Alexander in 1934.

Police said the plotters planned to kill Paul when he returned to Belgrade from the coronation in London.

Franco Agents in U.S. Denounced in Ohio

Parman City Council Chairman Sends Note to Congressmen Urging Support of Bernard Resolution for Investigation

(Daily Worker Ohio Bureau)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 12.—Steel and auto workers leaders here denounced Franco's American spies today, uncovered by Harry Raymond, Daily Worker staff writer.

They joined other public figures here in demanding severe measures against the fascist plotters.

RICHARD REISINGER

Richard Reisinger, president of the District Auto Council, said:

"Wherever you find fascist plotting, you will find gathered the greatest menace to trade unionism in America. It is the duty of every union man to demand that his government fight fascism wherever it appears. An immediate investigation by Congress should be started and the guilty exposed no matter who they are."

PETER SLANIE

Peter Slanie, president of the Joint Council of Steel Workers of Cleveland, declared:

"As long as Congress upholds fake neutrality laws that help the fascists against the friendly recognized government of Spain, and as long as some of our own leading public officials such as Mayor Burton attend Nazi conferences and welcome Nazi exchange students, the fascists will think they can get away with anything. The government must act at once. Congress must make a thorough investigation."

ARNOLD JOHNSON

Arnold Johnson, secretary of the Cuyahoga County Workers Alliance, who has been active in organizing aid to the Spanish Republic, said:

"The Daily Worker's expose of Franco's spy ring is a great service to the people of America and presents a mandate to Congress for action. No mercy should be shown to the fascist plotters."

HERSHEL HOLLAND

Prominent Cleveland liberals demand action too.

Hershel Holland, president of the Parma City Council said:

"The Monroe Doctrine is a tradition in America that has long safeguarded the countries of the Western Hemisphere from the plotting of foreign imperialist intrigue. It certainly is a violation of all those traditions if our government allows Franco's fascist plotters to carry on subversive acts against a government with whom we have friendly relations. I am wiring our representative in Congress, Mr. Fieger, immediately."

GEORGE PALDA

George Palda, one of Cleveland's leading attorneys and chairman of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, said:

"This is an astounding expose based on evidence that seems to be conclusive. It not only merits but demands instant action in the form of protest on the part of every sympathizer of the Spanish people's cause and every supporter of democratic principles of government. This country and its joining waters must not be used as a basis for carrying on warfare against a friendly nation."

Rank and file workers were furious at de Cardenas and his fellow conspirators.

AN ITALIAN ANTI-FASCIST

One Italian laborer who used to speak of Mussolini as "a good man for the people," said: "Mussolini and Hitler should mind their own business in their own countries and Franco should keep his spies out of America. The government should send them back to Spain."

CARPENTER, CONDUCTOR

A carpenter who has not worked steadily for years and who has just lost his home said:

"The government should deal with fascist plotters with a strong hand. What America needs is more jobs and should not tolerate those who try to drag us into war against friendly nations."

A street car conductor on the West 25th Street carline said:

"This country has no room for such people. If the government does not act against them, I can only think the government is for them."

NEGRO LEADERS ASK ACTION ON FASCIST SPIES

McLaurin, Philip and Wilkins Urge Steps Against Spy Ring

(Daily Worker Harlem Bureau)

Harlem leaders yesterday joined with labor and progressives throughout the nation in demanding that the federal government "immediately take steps to wipe out the illegal spy ring now operating in America in behalf of the fascist General Franco."

Sensational disclosures on the existence and operation of the spy network were first brought to light in a series of articles which began in the Daily Worker May 10.

Benjamin F. McLaurin, general organizer, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Cyril Philip, secretary of the United Aid for Peoples of African Descent, and Roy Wilkins, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, all felt that the Federal government should take immediate action to clean out the Franco spy nests.

"The revelation of a spy network for the Spanish fascists in our country is a clear violation of our neutrality policy and should call for immediate action to expose it and close it up," declared Wilkins.

"The disclosure that international fascism has its agents working for Franco in America shows how urgent the need is for fighting fascism in this country. The horrible manner in which union organizers have been shot down in cold blood in Harlan, Ky., is a taste of the same sort of butchery the Spanish people are suffering from Franco," McLaurin stated. "I commend the Daily Worker for exposing the Franco spy ring."

Philip said:

"The Negro people should join wholeheartedly in demanding a federal investigation and wiping out of Franco's spies. When Franco's agents aid him they are aiding Mussolini, the butcher of the Ethiopian people, and his teammate, Hitler. The Daily Worker has done a splendid job in exposing Franco's spy ring to the American people. It must serve as a warning to all foes of barbarous fascism."

Hitler Elevates 'German God' to Religion Status

BERLIN, May 12. — Simultaneously with increased persecution of Catholic priests, the Nazi Ministry of the Interior today issued a decree elevating General Erich von Ludendorff's "German God" movement to the status of a religion.

Although technically on an equal footing with the Catholic and Protestant religions, Ludendorff's neo-pagan cult will actually be the state religion, since it has the support of the Nazi regime.

The Nazis summarily closed the St. Vincent's Catholic hospital at Duisburg.

A young Catholic priest was sentenced to 12 years of hard labor and life "police surveillance" on charges of immorality and 18 co-defendants got prison sentences of 18 months each, at Braunsberg.

Weinstock, Gold Demand Probe of Franco Spies

Louis Weinstock, secretary of the New York District Council of Painters with 13,000 members, yesterday declared that Franco's spies must be driven out of the United States.

"The Daily Worker," said Weinstock, "has done a marvelous job in uncovering this nest of fascist spies in our midst.

"Now the American trade union movement, which has been supporting the Spanish Loyalist government, demands an immediate congressional investigation of the crimes of General Franco's agents in this country.

"American workers also demand that the State Department expel de Cardenas and his aides, who plot acts of piracy against lawful shipping. These criminals are here without diplomatic authority and they should be driven out.

CHALLENGE TO WORKERS

"This expose of Franco's spies is a challenge to American workers. We must answer this challenge with increased financial support to the Spanish people.

"We must demand also that the duly constituted Spanish government, which a majority of voters put into office at a regular election, be permitted to solicit funds in the United States."

"Put out the fascists," demands Ben Gold, manager of the Furriers Joint Council of New York.

"The Daily Worker has furnished the evidence against de Cardenas, Garcia, Diaz and other spies of General Franco," he continued.

"We demand an immediate congressional investigation of these enemies of democracy, who conspire here against our fellow workers in Spain. We demand further that the State Department send them away from our shores at once.

"We must strengthen the trade union movement for the fight against fascism here and abroad. We must not forget that American open shop fascists are allied with Franco's fascists for the purpose of destroying democracy in both countries."

IN THE PANTRY

—From the Washington Post, May 11

Franco Spies Evade Neutrality Laws by Ruse to Get U.S. Arms

By Harry Raymond

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turned on these enormous orders. What happened to the guns and planes after they reached the hands of Franco's friends in Argentina? That is a question Congress should answer to the American people.

All of the fascist nations taking part in General Franco's war against the Spanish Republic have increased their war purchases in the United States since the neutrality act was passed by Congress.

Italy, who bought little war goods in this country before the act went into effect, made no war purchases here in the month of January. But in April, three months after the embargo was declared, fascist merchants in Italy secured licenses to buy aircraft engines and parts valued at $43,600. And this month licenses were issued permitting shipments of $73,700.18 worth of similar materials.

NAZI ORDERS UP

Orders for Hitler Germany, which is sending planes and troops against the Loyalist Government of Spain, have likewise increased.

Germany's arms orders in January amounted to $57,337.95. This month it was reported by the State Department as valued at $113,131.05. The orders include chiefly airplane engines and aircraft parts. Licenses issued for shipments to Germany by the U. S. Government this month include permits for export of $26,000 worth of plane parts and $87,000 in aircraft engines assembled and unassembled.

Germany also got permits to ship $88,000 worth of airplane motors in the month of February, one month after the neutrality law was voted.

Another source for war materials for Franco's fascist armies is Portugal. The record for a year shows this country bought few war supplies here until after declaration of the Spanish embargo. But in April a license was issued in Washington for the shipment of $6,900 worth of plane parts to that country.

An official in the State Department told the Daily Worker last month that another application for a big war order was in the Department's hands and it would be okayed if Department representatives in Lisbon approved it.

Guatemala, which country Manuel Diaz and Marcelino Garcia, Franco agents here, referred to in secret correspondence published in Monday's Daily Worker as a "friendly country," increased its orders for war supplies in the United States from zero in January to $48,668 in April.

Licenses issued by the State Department last month for Guatemalan munitions purchasers included an order for $48,510 worth of aircraft, assembled or dismantled.

ASK HULL ACTION

Faced with these facts, it would be interesting to know what action the Department of State will take on the letter sent to Secretary of State Cordell Hull on May 5 by four members of Congress demanding that the embargo which is unfairly enforced against the Spanish Republic be extended to Italy and Germany and other nations aiding Franco.

The letter was signed by Representatives Jerry O'Connell, Mont.; John F. Coffee, Wash.; John T. Bernard and Henry G. Teigan, both of Minnesota.

The letter said:

"The evidence convicting the Italian and German governments of unprecedented barbarism is overwhelming. In short, Germany and Italy are waging war against the legitimate and friendly Spanish government.

"We call upon the Secretary of State to recognize what is known to the world. Moreover, we believe that the State Department and the President of the United States should declare that Italy and Germany come within the embargo provisions now being enforced so unfairly against the Spanish government."

PRESSURE NEEDED

From what I could gather in the Department of State offices in Washington, the Department will do nothing to embargo shipments to fascist countries aiding Franco unless compelled to do so by the people or Congress.

Joseph C. Green, chief of the Office of Arms and Munitions Control, told me on April 17 that if war stuff was trans-shipped from Italy and Germany to Franco the Department "would know about it" and "it would constitute a violation of law by the buyer in this country."

He did agree, however, that after the material became "second-hand" it could be trans-shipped and nothing could be done about it here.

"I am checking on shipments of war materials going to other countries which are eventually trans-shipped to Franco in Spain," I advised Mr. Green in an interview in the Department of State Building.

"There are no illegal shipments being made," he declared. "We know where all the arms are and where they are going."

SHIPMENTS TO FASCISTS

"But what about the stuff being shipped to Italy, Germany, Portugal and Argentina? Is it not possible for buyers in these nations which are friendly with Franco to trans-ship the materials bought here?"

"No," said Mr. Green. "If it is trans-shipped we will know about it. That would be a violation of law on the part of the buyer here."

Q. How would you know what happens to the munitions once they are out of the United States?

A. We are kept advised on the destination of these materials.

Q. Nothing gets past you?

A. Oh, it's possible for somebody to smuggle a small amount of cartridges out, but they cannot get away with let's say $2,000,000 worth of bullets. It's got to go through the customs and a big shipment like that would not get through. And neither can airplanes and motors get through.

Mr. Green showed me a big order to China.

"Now there's a mighty big order," he said, "but I'm going to issue a license for it. I have nothing to worry about."

SHAM CHECKING

He showed me a letter from the Chinese Ambassador.

"You see this letter from the Ambassador covers me," he said.

Mr. Green showed me another application from a man who wanted to ship war materials to Lisbon, Portugal.

"Now with that order I'll have to do some checking," he said.

"What will you do?" I asked.

"I already cabled the Embassy in Portugal," he replied. "Now if, after investigation, our representatives in Lisbon find that the order is not going to Spain we will issue the license. We will be protected, you see."

OLD ARMY G ME

I recollected hearing similar explanations of official problems some 20 years ago when I was in the army. This style of argument is unforgettable. We used to call it "passing the buck."

The Department of State, it seems, offers by this method no guarantee that U. S. war materials are not finding their way directly to Franco's garrisons.

"But," I insisted as we continued the converation, "nations friendly to Franco are shipping American planes and materials of war to the fascist armies in Spain."

Mr. Green admitted it could be done, contradicting his earlier statement.

"Well," he said, "the only way they could do that is to send them second-hand stuff. If they buy stuff, use it a while and then ship it there is no violation of law here."

"Second-hand stuff"—that's one of the ways General Francisco Franco's fascists get around the U. S. neutrality law.

That law, as it stands today, was made to order for Franco and his New York agents, Cardenas, Gregorio, Diaz and Garcia.

(Another article on the activities of Francisco Franco's fascists will appear in tomorrow's Daily Worker.)

Ring of Fascist Spies In France Uncovered In Humanite Expose

Bombing of Ambulance, Embassy, Ships by Espionage Network Revealed—Offices in Building of New York Herald

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Paris delegation of the "Spanish Phalanx of the J.O.N.S." — chief fascist group in Spain.

BOMB CONSULATE

On the orders of the Franco spy ring, material aid for the Spanish people has been bombed and destroyed at various points throughout France.

Secret agents sent out either from the Paris office or the fascist headquarters in the port of Saint-Jean-de-Luz, across the border from Spain, have blown up the Spanish consulate in Perpignan, French town near Catalonia.

In Marseilles, they bombed and destroyed an ambulance being sent to Spain by the French Friends of Spanish Democracy. Steamships belonging to the Spanish Republic were dynamitted in various French ports.

The spy ring has stretched its tentacles throughout southern France, and links up Salamanca, Franco's headquarters, with Paris, Berlin, Rome, Geneva, Friburg, Anvers, Brussels, Le Havre and Nantes.

ASK INQUIRY

Orders are sent out from the "Nacho Enea" villa in Saint-Jean-de-Luz, by secret couriers who many times work under the cloak of forged diplomatic passports.

L'Humanite has informed the French Ministry of the Interior, in charge of rooting out spies, that it is willing to submit to it, or to a Commission of Inquiry, documents which are precise and irrefutable proof of the espionage and sabotage activity of Franco's agents.

A secret letter from Saint-Jean-de-Luz to Dr. Eduardo Aunos, at the 21 rue du Berri address, was found by Sampaix and published in replica in L'Humanite.

"The necessity of coordinating the services of the Spanish Phalanx abroad," says the letter, "imposes the classification of countries into two groups."

NEED PASSPORTS

Elsewhere the letter says: "The foreign chief and those of the frontier and coast services will have to have available foreign diplomatic passports, in order, while abroad, to have all the corresponding privileges, including that of extra-territoriality for the residence. . . .

"In this way they will be able to set up residence, without any fear of a search upon denunciation by the People's Front, at the Hendaye or Saint-Jean-de-Luz office of the Spanish Phalanx or at the place which will be designated for them."

The letter provides for the setting up of a seven-man foreign "Junta," or council, of the Spanish Phalanx. Hinting at Nazi-Italian domination of their policy, the letter states:

"The purpose of establishing the objectives and the orientation in international policy which may one day be adopted by the Phalangist movement, it is proper to establish a foreign Junta of the Spanish Phalanx.

SEVEN IN JUNTA

The seven members of the Junta are as follows:

A member of the National Council of the Fascists, who would preside. He would be in charge in Spain of foreign activity.

The territorial chief for England.

The territorial chief for France, Belgium and Switzerland.

The territorial chief for Germany, Holland and the Scandinavian countries.

The territorial chief for Italy.

The two frontier and coast chiefs.

The inquiry of L'Humanite will go into complicity of fascist agents in the French Quai D'Orsay, or Foreign Office, in allowing Franco's spies to work under cover of their forged diplomatic passports.

Farmer-Labor Congressmen For Court Plan

All Reaffirm Support in Face of Opposition by Shipstead

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Minnesota favor the court plan. Only a minority oppose it."

Rep. Paul J. Kvale—"I am sorry to disagree with Senator Shipstead, for whom I have a high esteem. I was for the president's plan when he first announced it and I still am."

Rep. Henry G. Teigan—"I have supported the president's plan from the beginning and I see no reason for changing my attitude whatever."

Rep. John T. Bernard—"Of course I am still for the court reform bill —more than ever, in fact."

Rep. Dewey Johnson said he favored the bill, but added his sharp criticism of the administration economy move and the failure to push social legislation. "A change in the court will be of value only if we pass the kind of legislation that the present court is likely to throw out," he declared.

LANDON ON COURT PLAN

TOPEKA, Kansas, May 12.—Alfred M. Landon, who tried to ride into the White House on the Liberty League bandwagon, today stepped back into the limelight for a moment to charge the Roosevelt administration with manipulating Congressional votes for the Supreme Court reform program.

It was Landon's first comment on the Supreme Court plan.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator William G. McAdoo, California Democrat, today argued before the Senate Judiciary Committee for an increase in the size of the Supreme Court.

Mayor Opens Playgrounds

Centers Moses Closed Are Ordered Put in Use by LaGuardia

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the danger of the streets.

Yesterday morning more than 100 mothers and their children held a sit-down strike at the playground in 45th Street, between 9th and 10th Avenues, while the Park Department crew struggled for four hours to close down the playground. The mothers and children carried signs, "We want our playgrounds."

A second playground, in the Hell's Kitchen area, West 17th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues, was ordered closed by Moses. Mothers in that neighborhood, where a series of tragic automobile accidents involving children playing in the streets have occurred during recent months, are going to the mayor's office this morning at 10 o'clock to demand that the playgrounds stay open.

The game of hide and seek, with the children of the town it, continued between Commissioner Moses and Valentine last night. WPA Administrator Somervell put 400 relief playground directors at the disposal of Commissioner Valentine to reopen the closed playgrounds.

Somervell has just given walking papers to hundreds more WPA-workers, moving toward the goal of a 5,000 cut in WPA rolls by June 1.

The mothers' demonstration tomorrow morning will mobilize before the playground gates in W. 17th Street, between 9th and 10th Aves. at 9:30 and from there go to the mayor's office.

Rayon Knit Mill Signs Agreement With Textile Union

A union contract has been entered into between the Beaunit Mills, manufacturers of rayon knit cloth, for its three plants, and the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, Sidney Hillman, TWOC chairman, announced yesterday.

The agreement provides for recognition of the TWOC as sole collective bargaining agent, wage increases, vacations with pay, 40-hour week, and arbitration of disputes.

The firm is one of the most important in this branch of the industry, Mr. Hillman stated. Over 1,700 workers are employed in the company's three plants at Cohoes and Fort Plain, N. Y., and Beverly, N. J.

The Oneita Knitting Mills at Utica, N. Y., employing over 1,600 people, signed with the TWOC yesterday, agreeing to a 10 per cent wage increase, minimum wage scale, time and a half overtime pay and sole bargaining for the TWOC.

West Coast Joins in Active Support of Movie Strike

Weir's Security League Is Stooge To Dodge Wagner Act Provisions

Hatchet Gang Chief Changes Tactics in the Mills

By ADAM LAPIN
(Daily Worker Pittsburgh Bureau)
ARTICLE III

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.—"Naw, the Supreme Court decision doesn't change our plans any. The company doesn't permit financial support for the employe representation plan, so we finance it ourselves."

That was Claude Conway telling me just how Weirton Steel and its stooges intend to get around the provisions of the Wagner Act banning company unions and the Supreme Court decision upholding the Act.

And Claude Conway knows whereof he speaks. He is the president of the tin mill unit of the Employees Security League, Weirton cover for the company union.

What is more important, he is the undisputed leader of the Hatchet Gang. He has been indicted in Hancock County Court for beating up Kenny Koch, the night of the Democratic card party last October.

Conway is enormous; extremely tall, broad shouldered, wide in girth. He has an empty, expressionless face. He talks with an easy, almost gentle drawl. Before he started working for Weirton Steel, he used to be a member of the notorious Coal and Iron Police of Pennsylvania near Uniontown in its heyday of terror and violence.

All morning I tried to get hold of Conway at the spacious Lex Hall on Main Street which is the headquarters of the tin mill unit. But it was locked. I had tried the day before, and it had also been locked.

I waited downstairs until he came. We sat alone in a corner of the hall. No one entered the hall during the time of our conversation.

THE FINANCES

The steps leading to the hall were being varnished. The inside had been newly painted. In the corner in which we sat there was a new set of comfortable reed furniture.

"How are you keeping up the Security League," I asked.

"It's all done by the men themselves," Conway answered glibly.

That was the only answer I could get out of him on the delicate question of Security League finances.

I had encountered the same vagueness the day before the headquarters of the Strip Mill unit.

A few facts will help clarify the situation. Every available hall in Weirton has been rented for the purpose of the Security League. There are now seven halls with Security League signs.

Not that anyone is ever in them. They serve their purpose—keeping the union from getting the halls.

It takes a lot of money to rent a lot of seven halls—particularly when there is no charge for joining the Employee's Security League.

There is one thing that can be proven definitely about company support for the Employees Security. The little dark man with a mustache varnishing the stairs, the carpenters, the painters, the other workers who have been busy fixing up the halls are all employees of Weirton Steel, sent by the company and paid by the company.

This is of course a direct violation of the Wagner Act. And the company can be sure that at least a few of these men will spill their story to the La Follette committee and the Labor Board.

"What do you think of the C. I. O. charges of hundreds of men fired for union activity," I went on.

"There's nothing in it," Conway told me confidentially. "The men were not fired for union activity. They were fired because of reductions in forces in putting in modern machinery."

HATCHET GANG

"And what about those charges of a Hatchet Gang," I asked.

"There has never been such a thing as Hatchet Gang," Conway said, evidently beginning to be a little annoyed.

"But what about the charges that Steve Barron and Kenny Koch were beaten up?"

"Those charges were all framed. The only Hatchet Gang we know is union men beating up our men. I myself was shot twice."

"Can you identify the men who shot you? Are you ready to say they were union organizers?"

"I don't know if they were union organizers. I don't know who it was," he said. "But I could identify them if I ever saw them again."

"Are you going to bring charges before the LaFollette Committee," I asked.

"All we want is to be left alone, but if we are called we will tell the LaFollette Committee."

The S.W.O.C. has charged Conway with definite assaults against union men. It has produced affidavits and witnesses. It has proven its case to the hilt. It seems to be the strategy of the Hatchet Gang to confuse the situation with vague counter-charges.

But Conway was shot twice. The only current report explaining his sudden departure from the Uniontown area seems to revolve around his seduction of a 15 year old girl. The popular account of his being shot in recent months involves the same kind of story.

CHANGE IN TACTIC

If Conway doesn't watch out, the scandal is liable to receive public airing.

There is no coincidence involved in the fact that Conway is both the leader of the Hatchet Gang and of the Security League. The changing situation in Weirton has forced the company to abandon some of its most simple Chicago gangster tactics.

The way it used to work was always to have a group of the boys sitting around in Joe Costello's Bar on Main Street. As soon as word came that the wrecking crew was needed, they rushed out and did the job. And broad day-light was no deterrent.

Now I am not suggesting that Weir is ready to give up the use of preparing to give the use of violence but I do believe that he is a fancy dress in the future.

The next time union men are beaten up I am convinced that it be will publicized as a fight between rival unions—with the Employee's Security League being considered a rival union.

There is no doubt about the illegality of the Employee's Security League. It was inspired several months ago by the company, with membership from merchants, company officials, and the highest paid workers as the nucleus.

INTIMIDATION

The Security League died a natural death. Now it is being revived as a cover for the company union.

Weir was stupid enough to permit the membership cards of the Security League to state this openly. I quote from the official membership card:

"I am not a member of, and will not support in any way any outside labor organization.

"If at any time the Weirton Steel Company recognizes any Labor organization other than the Employees' Representation Plant, as a bargaining agency for any group of employees without first holding an election to determine if the majority of employees want another labor organization, we will protest by whatever means necessary to prevent such recognition."

But Weir has gone further, and instructed his foremen that they had better get the workers to go up the Security League headquarters and sign up. Plain intimidation is the secret of the League's membership.

But increasing numbers of workers are refusing to join. They are asking their foremen to state openly whether they are compelled to join the Security League.

And something else is happening. Every time the company tries one of its time-honored schemes of coercion, another affidavit is made out and sent to Washington.

By the time these articles are in print, the affidavits will all be safely in the hands of the La Follette Committee.

THE C.I.O. LETTERS

It is probably too late for Weir to change his methods completely. If anything is clear about the career of Ernest T. Weir it is the truth of his own characterization of himself as a die-hard economic royalist.

In the past his attitude has been that the law be damned. He is not likely to give up without a fight. He will undoubtedly try to intimidate the union out of existence. In the past the Roosevelt administration has let him get away with it.

Labor is strong enough now to see that the power of economic royalist Weir is curbed, that his law-breaking activities stop.

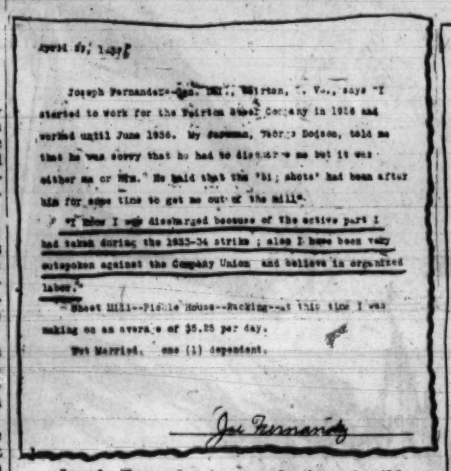
There is no doubt about how his workers feel. They demonstrated that by joining the union and going out on strike in 1933. They are demonstrating that now by joining the union in surprising numbers.

One symbol of the times is painted right on the brick walls of every building housing a headquarters of the Employees Security League.

Workers have painted C. I. O. in huge white letters on every one of these buildings. The company has not yet been able to scrub off the paint.

All the scrubbing in the world will not get the paint off. Because the next morning the company would be sure to find the letters there again.

Weirton Union Men Tell Why They Were Fired



April 19, 1937

Joseph Fernandez--Gen. Del., Weirton, W. Va., says "I started to work for the Weirton Steel Company in 1926 and worked until June 1936. My foreman, Thomas Dodson, told me that he was sorry that he had to discharge me but it was either me or him." He said that the 'big shots' had been after him for some time to get me out of the mill".

"I know I was discharged because of the active part I had taken during the 1933-34 strike; also I have been very outspoken against the Company Union and believe in organized labor."

"Sheet Mill--Pickle House--Hauling--At this time I was making on an average of $5.25 per day.

"Not Married. One (1) dependent.

Joe Fernandez

Joseph Fernandez in reproduction of affidavit photostat shows he worked 10 years for steel firm. Was active in '33-'34 strike. Mike Roksandich says he was fired because of "the way I talked about the company stool pigeons and talked in favor of the union and against the company union."

April 19, 1937

Mike Roksandich, 109 Ave. G, Weirton, W. Va., says "I started to work for the Weirton Steel Company in the year of 1926 and worked until October 10, 1936. My foreman Joe Fabanich, told me to report to the employment office, and they took my telephone number and said they would call me if they needed me, and two weeks later they called me and I was sick. Mr. Jack Hamill told me to report to the employment office, and he said he didn't have any work for me at the present time, but would call me if he did, about a month later they called me to the employment office and gave me a card to report to the 28" mill and reported to Bob Church who refused to OK the slip. I returned to the office and showed Mr. Hamill the slip who said to come back in a couple of hours And he would call the 28" mill and find out the trouble. Mr. Hamill said simultaneously that the foreman didn't have any work for me at the present time. About a month before I was discharged my foreman told my father that I had better watch to whom I was talking or I would lose my job.

"In my opinion, the reason I was discharged was because the way I talked about the Company Stool Pigeons, and talked in favor of the Union and against the Company Union."

Conveyor in the Tin Mill department. At this time I was making on an average of $.50 a day.

I am a single man.

Mike Roksandich

New England Set Record For May Day

BOSTON, May 11.—A record attendance of 13,400 people turned out for May Day rallies at various cities and towns throughout New England.

In Worcester more than 1,500 persons joined in the May Day parade, and 200 attended a May Day banquet that evening.

Woonsocket saw more than 500 workers come to its first May Day rally in history. They listened to united front speakers from the Socialist and Communist Parties and Committee for Industrial Organization groups.

Pawtucket had 350 persons at its rally, and Norwood, with its first united front meeting in years, brought out almost 300 leather workers.

In Brockton 500 persons turned out for the rally, and a similar number in New Bedford, which had a united front rally including the Central Labor Union, the C.I.O. and all important local unions.

In Boston 3,000 came to an indoor meeting at Symphony Hall on May Day eve, and 8,000 to the May Day rally on Boston Common on Saturday.

Other meetings were held in Providence, Lynn, Lowell, Lawrence, Concord, N. H., Barre, Vt., Cambridge, Portland, and many other New England cities.

Baltimore Party Maps Big Recruiting Campaign

BALTIMORE, Md., May 12.—Backed by the action of the District Committee, and that of a general membership meeting at the center of the district in Baltimore, the Organizational - Educational Committee of the new District 34 met yesterday in order to lay plans for participation in the national recruiting campaign of the Communist Party to raise the party membership by 20,000 before October.

After thorough discussion of the great possibilities for recruiting in Baltmore, Washington and Western Maryland, the quota was set at 350. It was decided to extend this campaign with the further goal of doubling the present district membership, by increasing the membership to 1,000 by January 1st.

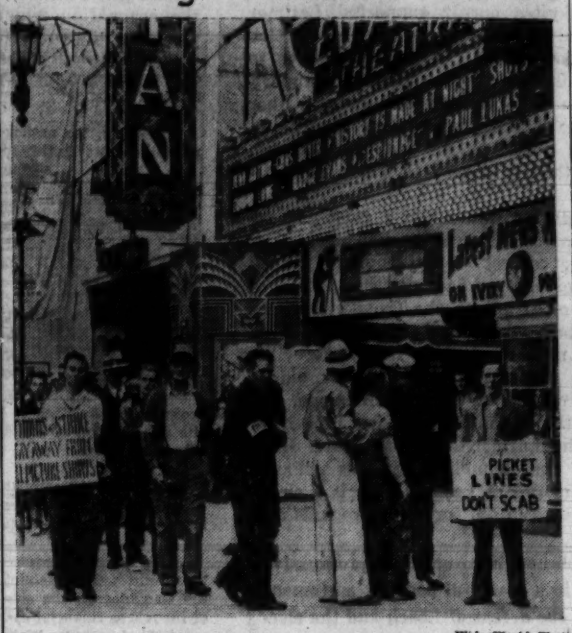
To spur the recruiting drive, the district will give a banner to the unit which makes the greatest advances. The banner will be on display in the district offices so as to stimulate socialist competition among the comrades in building the party.

In addition, the individual member getting the largest number of recruits will also receive a prize, and charts are being prepared to show the status of recruiting as it progresses in each unit and section.

A special recruiting drive committee composed of the membership directors of the units, and including the district membership director, the district org. secretary and the district language fraction director, will function to keep things moving rapidly.

This coupon will appear every day with a different number in the Daily Worker. Fourteen differently numbered coupons entitle the holder to obtain a set of 10 Marxist-Leninist Classics in accordance with the Daily Worker presentation offer rules.

Picketing in Movie Strike



—Wide World Photo

Movie studio strikers in Hollywood have enlisted the support of unions from coast to coast to picket theatres in their fight for recognition of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts. Above is the picket line in front of the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

Fur Workers To Convene In Chicago

Unity Convention Opens May 17—30 Hour Week Is Issue

The twelfth biennial convention of the International Fur Workers Union of the United States and Canada will be opened at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Ill., on Sunday evening, May 16th, and will last during the entire week, up to May 22.

One hundred and ten delegates from 43 local unions in 23 cities out of ten states and three provinces in the United States and Canada will be assembled at this convention which is the largest ever held by the International Fur Workers Union.

This convention is the first International gathering since unity was again established in the ranks of the fur workers. Up to June, 1935, the fur workers in the United States and Canada were engaged in a "civil-war" of ten years' duration, among the right and left wings, with two separate unions in the trade.

During the past two years since the warring factions reunited into one union, the International Fur Workers Union made remarkable headway in establishing union conditions and Canada. The International comes to this convention with a paid-up membership far above thirty thousand, with eighty per cent of all branches of the industry under strict union control.

30-HOUR WEEK ISSUE

Some of the problems that the convention in Chicago will be faced with are: The establishment of a thirty-hour week in the fur industry throughout the United States and Canada, strictly closed shops in all branches of the trade, and equal division of work among all fur workers during all seasons of the year.

A problem that is expected to create some stir at the convention is the relationship of the International Fur Workers Union to the C.I.O. The International is the only needle trade International that is not affiliated with the C.I.O. A strong movement is being developed among certain elements of the fur workers to force affiliation with the C.I.O. at this convention. It is more than likely, however, that regardless of the strong sentiment for such affiliation among the New York fur workers the International will remain in the American Federation of Labor.

Ten local unions of New York will be represented at the Twelfth biennial convention of the International Fur Workers Union by a delegation of fifty-nine, headed by Pietro Lucchi, president of the International. The convention will be addressed by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Senator George L. Berry, and John Fitzpatrick, president of the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

Sit-Down Shuts Car Plant In Philadelphia

New England's Unions Move to Boycott Maine Products

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 12.—The plant of the J. G. Brill Co., manufacturers of trolley cars, busses and railroad cars was closed when its 1,700 workers came out on strike yesterday. Three hundred of the strikers remained inside the plant to conduct a sitdown.

The strike was called as negotiations were in progress between C. I.O. representatives and the American Car and Foundry Co. which operates 17 plants.

The strike of 9,400 workers of the Philadelphia Storage Battery Co. and its allied Philco Radio Corp. continued today as C.I.O. and employers' representatives were still in conference.

C.I.O. and A. F. of L. JOIN TO BOYCOTT MAINE

BOSTON, Mass., May 12.—Following a conference of representatives of A. F. of L. and C.I.O. unions here a movement was announced for boycott of industrial and recreational resources of the State of Maine as an answer to the jailing of Powers Hapgood, New England C.I.O. organizer, and six others for defying a court ban upon the shoe strike there.

SECRETARIES OF HOUSE MEMBERS JOIN C.I.O.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Secretaryies of members of the House of Representatives today sought a charter for their organization from the C.I.O. They announced demands of civil service status and other improvements.

AUTO WORKERS SET SITDOWN FOR RENT CUT

PONTIAC, Mich., May 12.—In a paid advertisement in the "Pontiac Press" a committee of the United Automobile Workers, now the most powerful organization in this former open shop town, announced that unless there was reduction in rents by June 1, members of the union will sit down and refuse to pay rents.

SITDOWN SHUTS TWO FLINT G.M. PLANTS

DETROIT, May 12 (UP).—The United Automobile Workers announced today that a sitdown strike in the Fisher Body No. 2 plant at Flint over wage differentials had resulted in the closing of that factory and the No. 2 plant of the Chevrolet Motor Car Company.

Dockers Refuse to Load Ships Carrying Film Companies—I.A.T.S.E. Progressives Ask Craft Unions' Support for Strikers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 12.—Support for striking workers of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts has extended to unions in many towns and related industries.

The Los Angeles Central Labor Council has voted full support to the strike and placed the nine major struck studios on the unfair list. The resolution of Painters' Local 644, condemning the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes for strikebreaking by signing up scabs and sending them through picket lines, was unanimously accepted.

In the I.A.T.S.E., progressives are fighting for support of the strike and union democracy. The organization has not held a local meeting in two years.

Waterfront workers are giving assistance on the picket line at studios. The International Longshoremen's Association stopped filming of sea pictures by refusing to load ships carrying film companies to Catalina Island.

WIRES BACKS STRIKE

Telegrams of support have poured in to strikers from hundreds of thousands of organized workers throughout the country.

There is a movement among the teamsters of Local 399 against hauling for studios. The United Artists drivers have flatly refused to do so. Studios are now hiring outside drivers in apparent anticipation that teamsters will soon stop hauling.

Draftsmen at Columbia and Paramount studios came out. They joined the painters and are members of the scenic artists local.

A Paramount location going to Catalina Island has had a scow half loaded with lumber and other materials tied up at the Catalina dock in San Pedro. Longshoremen stopped loading when approached for support by a group of striking painters.

Along with the solidarity movement there has developed a strong sentiment for the CIO among the strikers. These include carpenters, scenic artists, makeup men and others that are affiliated with strong craft unions.

Harlan Deputies Charged With Murder, Terror

HARLAN, Ky., May 12 (UP).—Two of three Harlan County deputy sheriffs charged with acts of terrorism were under bond today and were scheduled to appear before the August grand jury in Harlan Circuit Court.

Deputies Frank White and George Lee waived examination before County Judge Morris Saylor and executed bonds. Deputy Ben Unthank, missing for several weeks, was sought by Sheriff T. R. Middleton.

White made $7,500 bond on a charge of murdering Bennett Musick, 19, son of a mine union organizer, and $2,500 on a charge of shooting with intent to kill into the home of W. M. Clontz, an organizer. Lee made $2500 bond on a charge of shooting into the Clontz home.

Musick was killed when a fusillade was fired into the Musick home near Evarts on Feb. 9. The Clontz shooting occurred at Wallins Creek last February.

Akron Girls Win Union Contracts In Dime Stores

AKRON Ohio (FP).—Five hundred employes of Akron's 5c-to-$1 stores are back at work with a signed agreement which sets a mark for many of the city's older unions to shoot at.

The strike which started in one store Feb. 24 and spread until all of Akron's 15 were closed, came to an end when officials of Woolworth, Kresge, Neisner, Grant, Schuite-United and Scott companies signed a contract with the Retail Clerks Intl. Protective Association and the Hotel and Restuarant Employes International Union.

The strike settlement calls for a 44-hour week in place of 48; a $15 weekly minimum wage instead of $10; and paid vacations, time-and-a-half for overtime, double time for holidays, seniority rights and union recognition.

Texas to Pass Mine Laws

AUSTIN, Texas, May 12 (FP).—The state of Texas is willing to pass laws for the protection of mine workers. It is unwilling to spend any money for the enforcement of such laws. For the last six years, the office of the state mining inspector has been vacant because successive legislatures have refused to appropriate money for an inspector's salary.

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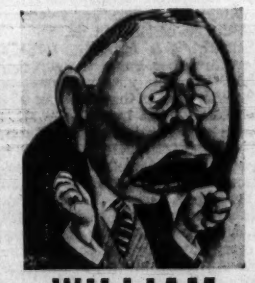

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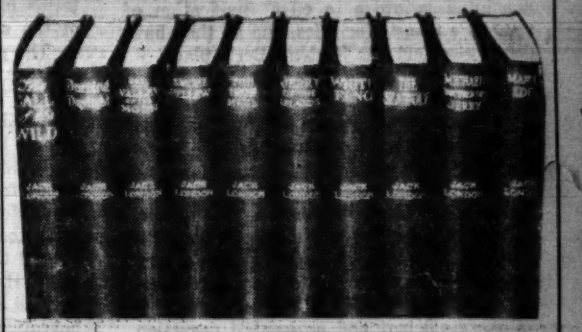

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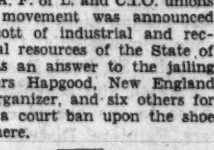

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Behind the Transit Unification Fight

• Through the smoke of charges and counter-charges precipitated by the Transit Commission's rejection of the Seabury-Berle plan for transit unification one fact stands out above all others:

The Transit Commission is acting as the stooge of Tammany Hall, which is the enemy of genuine unification and of the interests of the people of New York.

City Chamberlain A. A. Berle, Jr., is entirely correct in branding the members of the Transit Commission and its counsel as "four dummies for a political machine." The touching sight of these eminent Tammany stooges appearing as defenders of the five-cent fare is enough to make the angels weep. It is like General Franco championing democracy.

The report of John J. Curtin, the commission's counsel, and the statements of the three commissioners are political documents intended to garner votes for their bosses next November. While piously rejecting the Seabury-Berle plan, which involves an expenditure by the city of $436,157,220, Curtin puts forward a "tentative" plan of his own for the purchase of the transit system at a price that is $100,000,000 less.

But already the demagogy of this "tentative" plan has been exposed. Following Mayor LaGuardia's challenge that the Transit Commission present by Sept. 1 a signed agreement with the transit interests at Curtin's price, the commission has hastened to disclaim this illegitimate child that its counsel left on its doorstep. The courageous commissioners know they can't produce!

And after 16 years, during which they have squandered $18,000,000 of the taxpayers' funds, what have the members of the Transit Commission got to show? They were appointed in order to effect unification of the city's transit facilities, and all they have done is—reject the Seabury-Berle plan!

There would be little danger of Tammany's stooges fooling the people of New York were the Seabury-Berle plan itself above criticism. Unfortunately this is not the case.

Unification, properly carried through, is certainly in the interests of the people. It would take the city's transit facilities out of the hands of the private interests, which have cleaned up fortunes at the expense of the taxpayers, and make possible a more efficient and economical operation of the whole system.

Under the Seabury-Berle plan the security holders have first call on the revenues of the combined subway systems, there is no specific guarantee that the five-cent fare will be maintained, the purchase price is highly excessive, and no provisions are included to protect the employes.

There is no reason why unification can not be achieved through the city's exercising its right of recapture. By taking back the subway lines and their elevated extensions, a comprehensive unified transit system could be created at far less expense.

Yet whatever the criticisms of the Seabury-Berle plan may be, they should not prevent progressives from uniting to keep the Tammany gang from using the issue of transit unification to climb back into power. This fight would be greatly strengthened if Mayor LaGuardia would frankly recognize the shortcomings of the Seabury-Berle plan and take the initiative in remedying them.

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The Next Steps In Minneapolis

• The nomination of Kenneth Haycraft, Farmer-Labor candidate for mayor of Minneapolis, in the primaries Monday was a victory for the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party and for all the progressive forces of the state.

The vote for Haycraft was an endorsement of the action of the Hennepin County (Minneapolis) Farmer-Labor Association in repudiating the traitor to the Farmer-Labor movement, Mayor T. E. Latimer.

Haycraft's nomination was also a sharp rebuke to Latimer and his Trotzkyite allies, who joined hands with underworld elements in an unscrupulous attempt to split the Farmer-Labor Party and place reaction in power.

Haycraft's fight was carried on against heavy odds. Latimer had the advantage of a well-oiled personal political machine, generous funds, and secret support from reactionary circles, including sections of the Republican Party. His defeat should retire this strikebreaker and political careerist permanently from political life.

In his efforts to knife the Farmer-Labor Party, Latimer also had the active assistance of a small band of Trotzkyites, operating under the name of the Socialist Party. At first the Trotzkyites openly supported Latimer and helped organize the rump convention which endorsed him. Later, in a move to clear themselves of the stigma of supporting a man with so notorious an anti-labor record, the Trotzkyites put up Vincent R. Dunne as candidate for mayor. Secretly, however, they continued to work for Latimer.

The vote for Dunne was a smashing repudiation of this Trotzkyite maneuver. Despite their control of the powerful Truck Drivers Union, Local 544, and their influence in several other unions, the Trotzkyites were able to obtain only 839 votes for Dunne. This was only nine more than Harry Mayville, prominent Communist, running for alderman, received in the Sixth Ward alone.

The battle in the final election June 14 is between the Farmer-Labor candidate, Haycraft, and the Republican-Citizens Alliance nominee, George E. Leach. This is a clear-cut fight between the forces of progress and reaction.

The job now is to unite all progressive elements in a powerful people's movement to ensure the defeat of Leach and the election of Haycraft. Misguided followers of Latimer and Dunne, as well as many of those who voted for other unsuccessful candidates, can be won for such a people's movement if the Farmer-Labor Party throws all its energies into the campaign.

The Communist Party, which played such an active part in winning the nomination for Haycraft and other Farmer-Labor candidates, will do everything in its power to bring a sweeping victory to the Farmer-Labor cause on June 14.

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A Nation-Wide Picket Line: Labor Answers the Movie Trust

• The nation-wide plan to picket and boycott the movie houses is an inspiring example of American labor unity.

When the movie trusts thought they had the technical crafts on the run, they discovered to their consternation that American labor is learning to recognize that an injury to one is an injury to all.

Charles Lessing, leader of the striking crafts, issued an appeal to all labor to institute a boycott and to enforce picketing on movie houses in the leading cities as a means of bringing the producing trusts to terms in consideration of the just demands of the workers.

The proposal was made, and is being carried out, that motion picture houses in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Boston and Cincinnati be picketed and boycotted.

In response to the appeal of the Hollywood strikers, Painters' District Council No. 9 of New York, whose secretary is Louis Weinstock, immediately threw pickets around the moving picture shows on Broadway. Hundreds of thousands of people were notified by that means of the sympathetic boycott movement with the Hollywood workers.

The exhibitors could not conceal their consternation. The result undoubtedly will be a stream of protest telegrams clear across the country to the movie magnates urging a settlement. But before that settlement comes the picketing and boycott should be extended in the cities mentioned.

Every local union should immediately take up the question of picketing the moving picture houses in their cities to help the Hollywood striking technical crafts win their struggle.

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A Crime in Ohio To Ask for Relief

• Even a cat can look at a Queen. But in the State of Ohio it seems to be regarded as a crime for unemployed to present demands for increased relief to a Governor.

In fact, five leaders of the Workers Alliance, tried before Judge Weber (an appointee of Governor Davey of Ohio), were found guilty and face prison sentences. One of the accused was acquitted.

The five accused, Ben Gray, Jessie Josephson, John Chiller, Mrs. J. Williams and Morris Jaffe, were accused of "inciting to riot and creating a nuisance" on April 9 when they led a delegation to the office of the Governor. The purpose of the delegation was to protest the proposed soup kitchen relief and to insist on increased relief appropriations by the state.

After being ousted and beaten, the delegation was imprisoned, tried and found guilty.

Despite the fact that there was no evidence of "riot," that the delegates were exercising their constitutional right of petition, the obviously biased charge to the jury by Judge Weber seems to have had its way.

The defendants are demanding a new trial.

Protests to Judge Weber and to Governor Davey of Ohio would help these leaders of the unemployed to escape an unjust prison sentence.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• A few notes on the coronation: Irish Republican blood was spilled by the de Valera government to uphold the dignity of the coronation which affirmed British imperialist rule over Ireland.

What matters it if the proposed Irish constitution does not mention the King if the King is crowned as Ruler of Ireland?

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In Arabia, the nationalists went into mourning in protest against British-sponsored Jewish immigration,

not because the Arabs are anti-Semitic but because they know that Britain's policy is to divide and conquer, even if the divisive national elements have to be imported.

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Followers of the Indian National Congress marked coronation day by various forms of protest, reminding the 350,000,000 Hindus (the largest colony in the Empire) that the crowning of the King as "Emperor of India" signified the perpetuation of the decades of British imperialist rule over India.

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Just before the coronation, King George VI lavishly distributed kingly honors to the chosen lackeys of every political party—excluding the Communists.

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J. P. Morgan, because of his services during the last world war of helping the United States go into the slaughter on the side of the Allies (and because of his role as financial agent of the Allied Powers), was especially honored. Wall Street's No. 1 banker was given a place in Westminster Abbey usually preserved only for royalty or government representatives. J. P. Morgan of Wall Street, U. S. A., was the only civilian especially invited by the King of England to rub elbows with royalty and hereditary plutocrats at the coronation ceremonies.

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The Spanish fascists chose the day of coronation as a smoke screen to begin the bombardment of civilians in Bilbao. Remembering the world revulsion to the Guernica devastation, Generals Franco and Mola decided that when the world cables were cluttered with descriptions of the gilded pageantry of the British coronation was the time to fill the homes of Bilbao with wailing and the blood of women and children.

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It will be recalled that Hitler many months ago toyed with the idea of using coronation day as an opportune moment for one of his fait accomplis either in Czechoslovakia or Austria. Circumstances worked against Hitler's plans but furthered General Franco's assault on the civilian population of Bilbao.

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Turning to our own country, we hold up the nauseating, bootlicking editorial of the Herald Tribune attempting to arouse American sentiment favorable to British royalty. "Beyond Forgetting" is the title of the piece; and by trying to describe the cultural heritage of the United States from Britain, the Herald Tribune actually fawns on British royalty and not the fighting traditions of the British people.

If there is anything "beyond forgetting" that the American people should revere it is the historical struggle of the British people against the prerogatives of British royalty, a struggle that ultimately gave the United States its independence and allowed this country to expand as it never would have had the ties "beyond forgetting" been retained as the Herald Tribune wishes.

What the American people should honor most as the cultural heritage from Great Britain is the Magna Charta, wrested from King John after revolutionary threats; the bourgeois-democratic Cromwellian battles against royalty and the beheading of Charles I, the materialistic sons of Scotus, as Engels called them, who broke with the past in their scientific searches of the present and their brave projects for the future; the Chartists, the first working class political party, and the pioneers of trade unionism who suffered under kingly persecution; the British proletarians and anti-slave liberals who supported the North in the American Civil War against the Southern slaveholders; and last, but not least, the heroic British proletariat who stayed the hand of British imperialist intervention against the Russian revolution.

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These are the glorious British traditions that the American people will see as most akin to their own struggle for liberty, and not the maudlin sentiments aroused in the American bourgeoisie at the sight of diamond-bedecked royalty.

The regal titles again bestowed on George VI emphasize to one-quarter of the entire world's population that they are despised colonial slaves who toil under the whip of the imperialists to pour billions in super-profits into the British Isles so that capitalism there can be perpetuated to continue to exploit the majority of the British people who are themselves proletarians.

A note of nervousness pervaded the entire celebration, even rising above the hysterical shouts and the exaggerated efforts to wipe away all doubts by the splendor of the display.

Some day the British people will do with all the trappings of royalty what the London street cleaners did the morning after with the decorations that covered the city on May 12, 1937.

Shipstead Opposes Own Party on Court Reform

• As his first act on returning to Congress after a long illness, Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite of Minnesota, has come out against President Roosevelt's Court reform plan.

In taking this position Senator Shipstead has placed himself in head-on opposition to the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, which put him in office, and to the Farmer-Labor delegation in Congress.

The Minnesota Leader, official organ of the Farmer-Labor Party, and Governor Benson are squarely on record in favor of the President's plan. The other Farmer-Laborites in Congress are also supporting it.

Why does Senator Shipstead alone insist on giving aid and comfort to the reactionary Big Business interests who are the worst enemies of the Farmer-Labor movement?

The issue of Supreme Court reform is basic. Around that issue the forces of progress and of reaction have locked horns. No doubt the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party, Senator Lundeen and the five Farmer-Laborites in the House will make it clear to Senator Shipstead that his position does not represent the sentiments of the people of Minnesota.

The Holy City *by Ellis*

May Day Unity Shows That Tories Can Be Beaten in City Election

By CHARLES KRUMBEIN
(N. Y. State Secretary, Communist Party)

There is one outstanding lesson to be learned from the recent May Day demonstration—the largest ever held in the city of New York:

That lesson is that labor and the progressive forces of the city can defeat reaction in the coming November municipal elections.

Reaction in our city is gathering its forces. It hopes to make the municipal elections this year a high mark in the fight against progress not only in the city and State but in the nation.

Throughout the country we witness the efforts of the reactionary forces to beat back the forward march of labor, to halt the forces of progress. The same forces that were beaten in the presidential elections are now attempting to stage a comeback. They have made this clear in the fight against curbing the arbitrary and autocratic power of the United States Supreme Court. They showed it at the recent convention of the National Chamber of Commerce in Washington, where they attacked the Wagner Act, with a view towards castrating it of its value to labor.

A RENEWED ASSAULT

Reaction has made clear its attempted comeback by its renewed assault on workers' rights (witness the propaganda for incorporation of unions); its renewed drive to slash relief appropriations; its fight to shift further tax burdens on the masses of the people.

Try as they may to cover up the real forces behind the conspiracy against the American people, it is quite obvious that behind these moves are the same forces which gathered around Alfred Landon in the last presidential campaign. They include the Morgans, the Liberty League, the du Ponts, Ford and Hearst—the reactionaries who control the Republican party and the Al Smith Democrats, just as last year.

A number of events in the city in the course of the past few weeks have again exposed this unholy combination. Their policies were seen most clearly in the attempt to disfranchise large sections of the people through the Tammany Berg Bills, election laws enacted by the State Legislature and vetoed by Gov. Lehman. The Tory efforts in Albany to pass anti-union legislation; the defeat of the Child Labor Amendment;—these were other expressions of the policy of the reactionaries.

TORY TACTICS FOR '38

A high point in this attack was evident in the April 14 meeting at the Hippodrome at which the Liberty League Democrat Al Smith, and the reactionary Ku Klux Klan Republican, Queens Borough President George U. Harvey, were the chief spokesmen.

Here we have the outlines of the nature of the campaign and object of the reactionaries in the coming municipal elections:

They intend through the unity of all the forces of reaction, around Tammany Hall and the reactionary Republicans to win control of the largest city in the country for the purpose of establishing the rule of the rubber hose, as was openly declared by George Harvey. They wish to establish this regime of terror for the purpose of launching the most vicious attack on the employed and unemployed masses of the city, to rob the people of New York of their democratic rights.

By striking a blow at the rights and liberties of the toilers in the largest city of the world, the reactionaries hope to strengthen their position in the state of New York for the 1938 gubernatorial and Congressional elections. Of course, all these developments will have the greatest bearing not only upon the immediate developments in the country, upon the course of the Roosevelt administration, but also upon the relation of forces and the outcome of the 1940 presidential elections.

Thus it is clear how important are the coming municipal elections in New York City this year. But to wait much longer on the part of the progressive forces while the reactionaries are already organizing feverishly would make the fight of the progressives most difficult and the outcome uncertain. Only immediate and united action by all of the labor and progressive forces of the city will assure the victory of the progressive forces and the defeat of the reactionaries.

MAY DAY UNITY LESSON

May Day showed that labor is growing in consciousness, and that labor unity is also growing. On May Day tens of thousands of trade unionists marched jointly with the Communists and Socialists. Additional hundreds of thousands who filled the streets all along the line of march gave ample proof of the readiness of the employed and unemployed workers, of the Negro people, white collar workers and large sections of the middle class to unite under the banner of progress in the struggle against reaction.

We think that this lesson should immediately be made use of by the leadership of the American Labor Party. The American Labor Party can and should become the spearhead and leading force in this struggle. This does not mean that the American Labor Party should underestimate the necessity of the unification of the progressives in the old parties (Fusion, etc.) jointly with the American Labor Party in a bloc for the municipal elections. But only if the American Labor Party takes the lead and unites within itself the largest section of the trade unions, the workers' political organizations, and large sections of the middle class groups that are ready to join with it, will it be in a position to make the necessary allignments and agreements with the other progressive forces. Only in this manner will it be possible for the progressive forces of the city to be aroused to the urgency of the situation, and the need for speedy and united action to beat back and defeat the forces of reaction.

A.L.P. COURSE

What in our opinion should be the immediate course of the leadership of the American Labor Party?

First, it should undertake the widest mobilization of the masses to fight for a labor legislative program, in the city, State and nation, and to defeat all anti-labor legislation. The burning issues that must be given immediate attention are the fight for the maintenance of relief standards, against WPA layoffs and in general for the program of the Workers Alliance. It should intensify its fight for the Supreme Court proposals of President Roosevelt and take up the fight for all economic and political issues confronting labor as reflected in the various legislative bodies. The victory scored by labor and the progressives in defeating the Berg bills —for which much credit must go to the American Labor Party—shows what united action can do.

Secondly, it is necessary for the American Labor Party to bring together through a conference or some other means that it deems advisable, the trade unions, the various workers' political organizations, the workers' fraternal organizations, the organized middle class and professional groups, and affiliate them to the the American Labor Party. This should go hand in hand with the building of a strong machinery in every assembly and election district. At the same time while organizing its independent forces the leadership of the American Labor Party should strive to come to an early agreement with the progressive forces in the Fusion, Democratic and Republican parties in order that they may work jointly in a common bloc and in order to do away with any suspicions relative to the objectives of the coming municipal elections. Unless such steps are taken, and taken speedily, Tammany and the reactionary Republicans will evolve some scheme to divide the progressive forces.

The Communists, true to their aims, will do all in their power to help bring together and cement the progressive forces of the people in order to assure the defeat of reaction. The Communists in the trade unions, in the other organizations of the people, will now bend their efforts in the direction of achieving the unity of the labor and progressive forces, thus preparing for the struggle which will end in decisive defeat of the forces of reaction in November.

Letters from Our Readers

Vicious Tactics of Plantation Bosses Must Be Wiped Out

Waverly, Ala.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I am letting you know how things are going on here. I am a sharecropping woman. I live on a plantation where the son-in-law of the owner is a regular slave-driver. He drives the Negroes on his plantation like slaves. He is a young man and has been in the C.C.C. something over two years.

Since he has returned, it seems that he studies all kinds of tricks to take every cent from the people. Last Monday morning, a Negro sharecropper living on the adjoining plantation to this one had two little pigs who strayed to his plantation. This man caught them and put them up. He made the cropper pay him one dollar before he could get his pigs. He told the cropper the pigs had eaten his oats—these pigs who were only 6 weeks old.

His method of making the people work for little or nothing is his way of reverting them back to slavery days.

W. E.

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"That's the Kick——"

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Being a reader of the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, I get a big kick out of passing my paper on to someone who, like myself, works for an existence.

The most recent experience in passing today's issue to a cafeteria worker in a 100 per cent union closed shop, was his remark—"I like to read that paper, as it is the only newspaper in New York City that tells the truth about the conditions for workers in the industrial field—and is not afraid of printing the facts."

That's the kick out of placing your "Daily" in the hands of other workers—try it and reap the pleasure of doing your share of building a great international labor front.

E. B.

LYNCH LAW AND PULITZER

By Elizabeth Lawson

TO A NOVEL which chooses Klansmen for its heroes; which describes its Negro characters as "drunken black bucks" and "monkeys out of the jungle"; whose climax is the attempted rape of the heroine by a "black ape"—to this novel, Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind," the Pulitzer Committee has awarded its prize for the best fiction of the year 1936.

Such an award—in this day of the re-born Klan, the Black Legion, the White Legion, the Silver Shirts, the Liberty League—amounts to far more than an error in literary judgment. Consciously or unconsciously, willingly or unwillingly, the Pulitzer Committee has done the work of the fascists and the lynchers.

Of the making of books whose aim is the distortion of the era of slavery and reconstruction, there is, apparently, no end. Miss Mitchell's novel is the most pretentious of them all, and the most dangerous. Her audience is far broader than that of the Bourbon historian Claude Bowers; broader than that of Stark Young, who in sentimental fiction sings the praises of human bondage. "Gone with the Wind" climaxes a whole series of novels and histories, dedicated to the slander of the reconstruction period, one of the brightest pages in the story of our revolutionary heritage. For in this period, Negro toilers and southern "poor whites" entered the south's legislative halls, and gave to the southern people more able, democratic, and progressive state governments than they had ever had before—or have had since.

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Another 'Birth of a Nation'

Because Miss Mitchell's book follows the broad outlines of Thomas Dixon's "The Klansman," so the motion picture which Selznick is preparing from the story of "Gone with the Wind" is likely to repeat in all essential respects Griffith's "Birth of a Nation," made from Dixon's novel more than two decades ago. To cram this insult to the Negro people down the throats of film audiences, Pinkertons were scattered through the motion-picture houses with orders to prevent hostile demonstrations.

Already the film to be produced by Selznick has been more widely publicized than any other motion picture ever shown in America—and this before a single role has been cast! If—as seems probable—the coming film is another "Birth of a Nation," another narrative of admirable Klansmen and Negro rapists, the Pulitzer Committee will bear a heavy part of the responsibility for the fanfare which attends—and will continue to attend—the making of this movie.

Miss Mitchell's book is a veritable furnace of chauvinism, and the heat of its prejudice can be gauged only from an actual reading of its pages. Therefore we quote—at consideral length—from those pages, to expose the treachery of the Pulitzer Committee:

A young man by the name Tony arrives in Atlanta, the home of Scarlett, the book's chief character, having just murdered a Negro and a white man who advocated equality for the Negro people. To Scarlett, Tony says:

"Damn their black souls, they believe anything those scoundrels tell them. Now the Yankees are talking about letting the darkies vote. If they give the negroes the vote (the small n is Miss Mitchell's) it's the end of us. Soon we'll be having nigger judges, nigger legislators—black apes out of the jungle."

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Won Over to the Klan

Scarlett helps Tony to escape punishment for the murder. She is won over to the cause of the Klan. "Now she knew what reconstruction meant, knew as well as if the house were ringed about by naked savages. She could be killed, she could be raped, and nothing would ever be done about it. 'What can we do,' she thought, 'with devils who'd hang a nice boy like Tony just for killing a drunken buck?'

"Even Rhett, conscienceless scamp that he was, had killed a Negro for being 'uppity' to a lady . . .

"The former field hands found themselves suddenly elevated to the seats of the mighty. There they conducted themselves as creatures of small intelligence might be expected to do. Like monkeys or small children, they ran wild. Freedom became a never-ending picnic, a carnival of idleness and theft and insolence. Neither life nor property was safe from them, and the white people were terrorized. Men were insulted on the streets by drunken blacks, horses and cattle and chickens were stolen.

"But these ignominies and dangers were as nothing compared with the peril of white women. It was the large number of outrages on women that drove Southern men to cold and trembling fury and caused the Ku Klux Klan to spring up overnight. And it was against this nocturnal organization that the newspapers of the North cried out most loudly, never realizing the tragic necessity that brought it into being. . . .

"In that week frenzied excitement gripped Atlanta. A Negro who had boasted of rape had actually been arrested, but before he could be brought to trial, the jail had been raided by the Ku Klux Klan and he had been quietly hanged. The Klan had acted to save the as yet unnamed victim from having to testify in open court. Rather than have her appear and advertise her shame, her father and brother would have shot her, so lynching the Negro seemed the only decent solution."

The following lines describe the attempted rape of Scarlett:

"The negro was beside her, so close that she could smell the rank odor of him as he tried to drag her over the buggy side. She felt his big hand at her throat, and terror and revulsion such as she had never known came over her."

BOOKS *of the* DAY

By EDWIN SEAVER

"THREE COMRADES," by Erich Maria Remarque (Little, Brown: $2.50) is, I think, something of a disappointment coming from the author of "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "The Road Back."

It is not that the quality of Remarque's writing has deteriorated, or that the central love story is not very moving. The inadequacy we feel in "Three Comrades" is due rather to the certainty that Remarque's genius is superior to the theme he has undertaken. He has bitten off less than he can chew.

In both "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "The Road Back," Remarque wrote of matters that vere of tremendously vital concern o millions of men and women—he revolt against war, the apparently hopeless task of masses of people attempting to reconcile themselves to post-war bourgeois society. In "Three Comrades," the author tries to carry this same story forward several years, to Germany of the inflation period, when the hard-pressed lower middle class was becoming ripe for the brown plague.

But whereas in his first two books he faced squarely the larger social problems involved, in "Three Comrades" he seeks to escape from a problem that has apparently grown too big for him, by losing himself in the tragic love story of his hero, Bobby Lokhamp, ex-soldier and ex-icealist, and Patricia Holimann, certainly as charming a heroine as any contemporary novelist has created.

Bobby and Pat try to build a little oasis in the desert of post-war Germany. It's no go. Pat, due to undernourishment during the war years, is a victim of tuberculosis. She dies and in the end our hero, we know, is absolutely without a last straw to which to cling. What will he do now? Drink himself to death, as seems likely in view of his preoccupation before he met Patricia. His little business has been swept away in the inflation. One of his comrades has been murdered by a Nazi. Everything is left in the air and, judging from Bobby's inner chaos, seems likely to remain there—only more so.

REMARQUE LIVES in a little town in western Switzerland, the most inaccessable of all the German exiles. He doesn't want to meet people. You can't get him on the telephone, so we're told. But Remarque needs to be gotten on the telephone. He needs to be told that Ludwig Renn and other German anti-fascists are doing something in Spain. He needs to be told that Thomas Mann has made a discovery about the role of politics in the modern world. He needs to discover that even had Pat lived, the love she shared with Bobby could not have been sufficient. In the baleful light shed by the burning of the Reichstag, new values would have become apparent to both of them.

No, I cannot feel that "Three Comrades" is the book we had expected from the man whose books had been burned by the Nazis and who has been robbed of his citizenship as a "traitor" to Germany because, forsooth, he does not think war the best occupation for his people. Remarque remains one of the most interesting writers of our day. Let us hope that "Three Comrades" is an in-between book and that in his next volume he will catch up with his times.

Mothers' Day Becomes Peace Day in Cities

Cleveland Organizations in Colorful Parade—Sunday Crowds Watch Detroit Trade Unionists, Church Societies and Women's Clubs

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, O., May 12.—Marching in the face of one of the windiest days of this spring, 3,500 men, women and children marched in the second annual Mothers Day Peace Parade Sunday. The column was headed by a huge banner that billowed like a sail in the wind, bearing the slogan "Mothers Day Peace Parade—Parade for Peace." Only the grim determination and strength of the three men kept the banner aloft in the breeze.

The parade was led by Mrs. Royce Day Fry, chairman of the Mothers Day Peace Parade Committee. Music for the march was furnished by the various high school bands of the city and the band of the colored Elks "Spirit of Ohio Lodge."

The number of banners and slogans denouncing the "Rape of Spain," Mussolini and Hitler clearly indicated the anti-fascist character of the demonstration.

Included among the marchers were such organizations as the German American Cultural Association, the Giddings Mothers Club (their slogan was "to educate, not to mutilate"), the Cleveland Finnish Women's Club, the Lithuanian Workers Literary Association, the Cuyahoga County Local of the Workers Alliance of America and a delegation of the Oberlin League of Women Voters.

A company 700 strong from the Spanish organizations of Cleveland, Lorain, Akron, Canton and Massillon gave the parade its most colorful section. Leading this group were several columns of women dressed in flowered gowns and national costumes.

Auto Workers March

The District Council of the United Automobile Workers of America carried a banner "We are builders, not destroyers." Other organizations were the Newsboys' Union, the Jewish Women's Council, the Lafayette Parent Teachers Association, the Brisker-Gordner Association and the Dwinsker Sisterhood Aid Society, the Lake Erie Navy Mothers Club and a group of tiny children dressed in the uniform of the Spanish government soldiers carried a sign that said, "We are too young to die."

The parade terminated at the Public Square where the marchers were addressed by Alexander F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who was also a delegate to the recent Brazil Peace Conference who said: "No doubt we will be branded as radicals because we dare speak for peace and against war but I am here to assist you and all other godfearing citizens to put down this terrible crime of war."

Other speakers were Rev. Howard M. Wells, Councilman Septimus E. Craig, Mrs. Paul P. Rogers of Oberlin, Rev. Robert S. Clemons and Charles T. Lewis.

'Motherhood And Peace'

Detroit's Times Square Hears Anti-Fascist Demonstration

(Daily Worker Michigan Bureau)

DETROIT, Mich., May 12.—Mothers Day was peace day in Detroit as 1,500 marched down the city's main street in a colorful demonstration against war.

Sunday crowds in churches, in theatres, in parks, came into the streets to watch the long procession with its more than dozen floats depicting the horror and destruction of war and proclaiming the determination of mothers to prevent war.

Floats crowded with gay and happy children, still healthy and whole, focussed attention on the children of Spain blown to bits by fascist bombs.

Women's auxiliaries, trade unions, fraternal orders, church societies, women's clubs were all in the line, headed by the famous band of the Dodge Local of the United Automobile Workers Union.

The red and green barets of the heroic Women's Emergency Brigade of the Auto Workers were conspicuous. And added to these were the white berets of girl workers of the Yale and Towne Lock Co. who so heroically defended themselves against a police attack upon their sitdown strike less than a month ago. Striking cigar girls were there, too, along with the courageous women from Flint and the big auto shops.

At Times Square, where the parade ended, Mrs. Evelyn Pollack, Director of the League of Nations Association, declared that "motherhood and peace are today inseparable. Motherhood without peace is a tragedy and without peace true motherhood is impossible."

The Reverend Owen Knox, pastor of the Methodist Bethleher Episcopal Church, spoke on the theme: "Age 18: Peace or War! Creation or Destruction!"

The main speaker, Mrs. William Alvord, Director of the International Center of the YWCA, said that war disrupts the home first, "leaving the mothers to carry on. The greater patriots," she declared, "are those who live for their country, who keep us out of war."

Mrs. Alvord sharply condemned the preparedness and isolation policies as only leading to war, and termed the fight against war one which must be fought each day.

The demonstration unanimously adopted a resolution pledging undying hatred of war and dedicating Mothers Day to the cause of peace. The sponsoring committee of this first Mothers Day Peace Parade was instructed to demand that the Detroit Common Council officially proclaim Mothers Day as peace day, with the parade to become an annual event.

Actors Fight Censorship

Theatrical labor unions joined hands with other theatrical associations yesterday in an attempt to persuade Governor Lehman to veto the Dunnigan Bill, which would invest License Commissioner Moss with absolute censorship powers over the New York stage.

A mass meeting to voice the protests of the thousands of theatrical workers who would feel the effects of the bill will be held at the New Amsterdam Theatre on Sunday night at 9 o'clock.

Between acts of every Broadway show leading members of the cast began last night to make personal appeals to the audience, asking the playgoers to sig nindividual protest cards to be forwarded to the Governor.

Organizations Send Wire

A telegram to Governor Lehman, now vacationing in Williamsburgh, Virginia, was signed by representatives of the Drama Critics' Circle, Actors' Equity, American Theater Council, United Scenic Artists, Local 829; the League of New York Theatres; American Federation of Musicians; American Federation of Musicians, Local 802; New York Theatrical Press Agents; Dramatists' Guild, Federal Theater Supervisors' Council; Theatrical Protective Union No. 1; the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada; Theatrical Protective Union No. 4; Authors' eague; Society of Authors' Representatives; Treasurers' Club of America; Theatrical Press Unit of the New York Newspaper Guild; Allied Theatrical Transfer; National Council of Freedom From Censorship, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Text Of Wire

The text of the wire read:

"All the organizations representing every branch of the theatre strongly and respectfully recommend that you defer action on the Dunnigan Bill No. S 2286 amending the Wales Act until they can be given a hearing. They are unanimously agreed that the proposed change will effect a one-man censorship in the legitimate theatre which has never been restricted and which has never abused its freedom. May we send a committee to Albany next week to present our urgent request for a hearing. Mass meetings supporting this professional opinion within the theatre and petitions containing hundreds of thousands of names will clearly indicate the popular support behind our attitude. Editorials in all leading newspapers are already appearing. Not one opinion in the theatre favors a measure which is profoundly dangerous to all free institutions."

Dots & Dashes

The American Radio Telegraphists' Association, an affiliate of the CIO, won closed shop agreements with three steamship companies yesterday and another last Saturday.

Agreements were reached with the Lykes Brothers Company, Inc., owners of 80 trans-Atlantic freighters, the Munson Steamship Line, operating one of the major coastwise and South American services, the Sword Steamship Line, Inc.

The mystics are right. The dead do talk. In fact they even come back to talk. Herb Hoover, remember how he died in 1932? Well, he is back. Tonight at 9:30 he will broadcast over WOR.

TALKS

5:00-WABC—Question Before Congress
6:30-WABC—Sports Resume—Paul Douglas
6:30-WOR—Control of Rackets—Raymond Moley
9:30-WOR—Herb Hoover

CLASSICAL MUSIC

2:00-WEAF—Musical Art String Quartet
3:15-WOR—La Farge Bruman Recital
4:00-WJZ—Folk Music Recital
WABC—Westminster Choir
8:00-WOR—Music and You
8:30-WJZ—Boston Symphony Orch.

COMEDY, DRAMA, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

5:30-WJZ—Singing Lady
7:30-WOR—The Answer Man
8:00-WEAF—Rudy Vallee's Varieties
WABC—Kate Smith's Bandwagon
9:00-WEAF—Showboat Concert
10:00-WEAF—Bing Crosby's Music Hall
WOR—Witches Tale
WABC—Adventures—Floyd Gibbons
10:30-WABC—March of Time

DANCE MUSIC

7:15-WOR—Zarin Orchestra
8:30-WOR—Guy Lombardo's Orchestra
10:30-WOR—Musical Review
11:00-WABC—Happy Felton's Orchestra

Today in New York

WPA items for today include the Hudson Concert Band at the Brooklyn Museum with Pasquale Acito conducting; the Lenox Chamber Trio at the YMCA, 180 W. 135th St. at 7:45; the Folk Lore Group at the Bowery Mission, 227 Bowery at 8; and the Lyric Artists at the Educational Alliance, 197 E. Broadway at 8:45.

Lady of Intrigue

Germaine Aussey, who plays the mistress to Emperor Rudolf of Prague at the 55th Street Playhouse. "The Golem" will soon end its successful run there to make way for "Episode."

Juicy Little Pigs Slip Away From Theatre Council Wolves

Theatre Guild-Shubert-Gillmore Company Union Convention Looks Like a Flop When Dramatists, Musicians and Stagehands Avoid it

By CHARLES E. DEXTER

Now it can be told! The mask has slipped a little and the American Theatre Council stands revealed. And of course it's the Big Bad wolf who was hiding behind the mask all the time trying to lure four juicy little pigs into its maw; and just as in Walt Disney's extravaganza, the four little pigs seem to be rather dexterous. They're slipping away.

As you may or may not know, the American Theatre Council is that grandiose scheme of Frank Gillmore, Warren P. Munsell and a few others to get capital and labor in the theatre together to talk things over, with the hope of getting the unions to go easy now that times are picking up.

I have before me the latest release of the Council and it naively lets the cat out of the bag. The Council's delegates—and if you read the release carefully you note that if you want to be a delegate for yourself you pay your ten dollars and delegate—are a dead giveaway.

There's Actors' Equity with 25 delegates—and you may be sure they are all Gillmore pets, for this is old man Frank's way out if Equity unhorses him at the coming elections. Then there's the American Theatre Society with 10 delegates and may I remind you that this is the out-of-town Theatre Guild-Shubert theatre party organization, so must be credited to the managers. A trade union, the United Scenic Artists of America, gets two delegates. The Theatrical Protective Union No. 1, one of the locals of the I.A.T.S.E. has three delegates. The T.M.A. & T., that defunct front-of-the-house union which consists mainly of 25 treasurers—and you know what some treasurers are—gets two. The New York Theatrical Press Agents, as yet not a union, send two, presumably the same two who have been mailing publicity for the Council.

Among The Missing

And that comprises labor and capital in an organized form. Missing are the musicians. Missing are the dramatists, whose secretary, Luise Sillcox, signed the original call. Missing are most of the I.A.T.S.E. unions. Missing too are the progressive actors, who oppose the Council as a flagrant imitation of the Hollywood Academy—that notorious producers' company union.

Here's who are also delegates: None other than Stage Magazine, which gets two, as many as the scenic designers. Billboard, that nearly defunct weekly of the outdoors in entertainment, which also gets two. And what's this? Leblang's gets four? None other than Tilly, Matty, Dan and Tilly's hubby, I suppose. Some fun for the cutraters!

Also included in the roster are the Vail Scenic Construction Co., but no other scenery builders; Theatre Arts Monthly, ha-cha; Leland Hayward, the agent; Billy Morris, who also gets his 10 per cent and up; Jim Pinker and Adrienne Morrison, also of the upper class agenteers; several ticket brokers who want to know how to gyp more efficiently; the old FIDO disguised as the American Federation of Actors, the old ladies of the Drama League; Ruth Draper's manageress's or the Actors-Managers, Inc.; the old social organization of theatrical press agents, the T.P.A.O.A., long defunct and now conveniently resurrected; Vogue (why not the Plumbers Gazette, which also publishes theatrical pictures every month?) several theatrical attorneys looking for law suits and a lot of other people like the Theatre Assembly, who sit out front on cheap tickets and like to rub elbows with the stars. Where is old Mr. Cain of the w. k. warehouse, I'd like to know?

As for the producers, heading the list is that good old Landonite, Brock Pemberton and that daring lover of labor, Lee Shubert. Barney Klawanse of the 48th Street Country Club and Fascist Richard Aldrich, also joined. Notably absent, however, are Gilbert Miller, Max Gordon, Sam Harris and Dwight Wiman, the four leading producers of Broadway.

Absent from the list of actors, too, are such stars as Katharine Cornell, George M. Cohan, Judith Anderson, Ina Claire, and almost all of the younger group of leading players. Of stars the Council has six big luminaries, the anti-labor Maurice Evans, the actors-managers Lunt and Fontanne, Jane Cowl, Helen Hayes and Peggy Wood.

The last line of the Council release is the biggest laugh of all. It says "Anybody may enroll." I'll say so!

Theatre Folk Aid Spain Base Hospital

To help establish the Third American Base Hospital in Spain, a benefit performance and dance will be held at the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy.

A large list of notables who figure in the preparation of this event include such outstanding theatrical people as George Abbott, Marc Connolly, Cheryl Crawford, George Gershwin, Margalo Gillmore, Moss Hart, George S. Kaufman, Sidney Kingsley, Arthur Kober, Betty Lawford, Philip Merivale, Burgess Meredith, Herman Shumlin and Richard Watts, Jr., The elaborate theatrical performance being planned for this event already includes among its players and entertainers Burgess Meredith, Philip Merivale, George Tobias, Eddy Duchin, Jan Pierce, Jules Garfield and Katharine Locke in a scene from "Having Wonderful Time," Henny Youngman, Martha Mears, Ramona, the Mirador Club show, Estelle Taylor, the Sellers and Dave Vine.

The Medical Bureau, to date, has been having extraordinary success in its various efforts to enlist support on behalf of the Spanish Loyalists. The benefit performance on May 22, will be their first large theatrical event. To date they have been responsible for the shipment to Spain of 50 tons of medical equipment and supplies, 11 ambulances, 60 surgeons, nurses and technicians and the establishment of the two American Base hospitals. Another unit comprising 20 doctors and nurses is leaving here for Spain on May 19th.

Inflation Topic Of Viennese Movie

The 55th St. Playhouse has acquired as its next attraction, to start on Saturday, the prize-winning Viennese film, "Episode," starring Paula Wessely, who was awarded the coveted Gold Volpi Cup at the Venice Biennial Exhibition of 1935 for the "world's best performance by an actress" against such competition as Garbo, Bergner and Dietrich.

"Episode" is a distinct departure from previous Viennese films, inasmuch as it deals not with the familiar Vienna of pre-war days or the artificial glamour and Danube sentimentalities of most post-war Viennese operettas. "Episode" is concerned with the turbulent and crucial days of the inflation of 1922, when the bottom dropped out of everything. It is an authentic record of the tragedy and comedy, the changing social order, conventions and fashions of what was, perhaps, the maddest time through which Central Europe ever passed. It was the era of daily bankruptcies, bank crashes, suicides, jazz-mania, deterioration of moral values, bobbed hair, short skirts, cocaine, gigolos—and "Yes, We Have No Bananas!"—the then current song-hit, which swept Vienna as it did New York, London and Paris.

"Episode" was both written and directed by Walter Reisch, who has become the true poet of the Viennese spirit by reason of his brilliant scripts for "Masquerade in Vienna" and "Two Hearts in Waltz Time," among others.

Ha-Cha and a Couple Of Big Time Crownings!

"The King's People" Glorifies Young Mr. Windsor's Ma, Pa, Grandpa and Grandma and Should Bore You to Death

By DAVID PLATT

Four knights of the Garter bring forward a pall of gold and silver brocade which they raise like a canopy. The Dean of Westminster pours from the ancient golden Ampulla into the golden spoon scented with holy oil. The subject is robed in his royal garments—the Colobium Sindonis, a sleeveless cambric surplice, over it the Super-tunica, a loose coat of cloth of gold and the imperial mantle. The Lord Chamberlain touches his heels with the golden spurs of power. Follows the ritual of the ring, the Orb, the Scepter and the Cross and then—the king is crowned.

This is the solemn spirit that reigns throughout "The King's People" one of the worst films we have seen. John Drinkwater, whose ancestors have sworn to king and queen on bended knee so long they have water on the knee, says he had two objects in mind when he made it. One was to show the staying powers of the British people. The other to show the sense of tolerance which has enabled the British Empire to pass from a somewhat narrow spirit of imperialism to a far more generous spirit of Commonwealth."

It's Hooey

In short the film is plain, unvarnished horoey. If it shows the staying power and sense of tolerance of anybody it is the audience who stayed through the entire dull proceedings, although bored to death. Actually it is the most disgusting glorification of the British ruling class and was produced to popularize the Coronation of George VI. in America, one of Britain's former colonies. This is a documentary film. Drinkwater rifled every British film archive in sight to get the newsreel history of British royalty since Victoria. He wrote the silly commentary himself. He divided the film into three parts. At the beginning of each part he appears in person to introduce a notable like George Bernard Shaw, or Lady Astor in some nonsensical, irrelevant business.

Drinkwater, not George VI, deserves to be crowned for his effort. If you are a Knight of the Garter or have had some experience in pouring from the golden ampulla or wanted to go to the Coronation and couldn't, "King's People" is your meat. If not, forget about it.

Latest Strike News

In Hollywood, the eleven technical unions of the motion picture studios are on strike. The Daily Worker wholeheartedly supports the efforts of these workers to force recognition of their just demands. We join hands with the hundreds of thousands of organized workers throughout the country who are picketing the motion picture theatres in an effort to bring home to theatre-goers the issues involved.

To make our support effective, we are, for the duration of the strike, withholding reviews of motion pictures in picketed houses. We wish full success to those who are engaged in the struggle and will report from time to time in this column the news and progress of the strike.

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The Committee for Industrial Organization and its affiliated unions have started picketing theatres showing scab pictures in all important cities from coast to coast.

Beverly Hills police smashed a picket line at the Fox Wilshire Theatre. Officials of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts said that arrests would be encouraged to test the validity of the Beverly Hills statute against picketing.

Hollywood police have taken on an extra supply of tear gas just in case.

Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins has sent Edward Fitzgerald, Federal labor conciliator into Hollywood with instructions to report all developments to her at Washington.

The Los Angeles Newspaper Guild adopted a resolution supporting the strike and forwarded a cash contribution.

Delegates to the International Longshoremen's Convention were instructed to inform their membership to boycott theatres showing films from strike-affected areas. The Convention sent warmest solidarity greetings to the strikers.

The F.M.P.G. flatly rejected the plan of settlement suggested by the Los Angeles Central Labor Council which called for the strikers to go back to work pending negotiations with the producers.

The F.M.P.C. reported receipt of a cable from a group of workers in the French film industry as follows: "We are following with close attention your splendid movement for better working conditions and we wish you complete success.

—D. P.

Dancers to Meet Friday

The American Dance Association will meet at the New School for Social Research for its first annual convention beginning Friday. This event marks the amlagamation of the New Dance League, the Dance Guild and the Dancers Association.

At the opening session Friday evening, Jesse Lowenthal, Muriel Stewart, Tamiris, Allen Wayne, Mary O'Donnell and many others will be heard.

Saturday's program begins at 10 a. m. with a forum for teachers, on the amateur and professional problems in pedagogy at which William Kolodney will be chairman and Hanya Holm, Portia Mansfield, Bessie Schoenberg, Benjamin Zemach will take part. At 12:30, the forum for professionals including discussion on general economic problems, specific solo problems and problems of critics. Paul Milton, Francis Hawkins, Robert Reed, John Gassner, Sophia Delza, Blanche Evan and others will shed some light on these thorns in the dancers' flesh. Progressive methods of teaching dancing to children will be demonstrated at 4 p. m. A feature of the convention will be dance films, which will be shown Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Many of these have never been seen before including shots of Massine, Nicholas Legat (former teacher of Nijinsky), Martha Graham, Doris Humphrey, Roger Pryor Dodge and Vura Dehn.

An informal concert ends the eventful day. The Experimental Dance Group, the second troupe of the New Dance Group, the New World Dancers of Philadelphia and others offer a full program.

'Dance in the Changing World" is scheduled as the final forum topic of the convention. Sylvia Chen, Ann Dodge, Lasar Galpern, Virginia Mishun, Dr. Jay B. Nash, Postley Sinclair, and Dr. Charles Williams will speak on their special interests.

MOTION PICTURES

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ROOSEVELT Cinema, 2nd Ave. and Houston St.

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SPORTS

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Says Doc:
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HEY! LOOK WHO'S IN FIRST PLACE!

By Lester Rodney

THE Philadelphia Athletics took a trimming this spring from a Mexican Agrarian team, and becoming impressed by the accomplishments of people's fronts, decided to crash through to an American League pennant by 1940.

They're not pacing themselves very well, for with three years to go, they are already sitting atop the American League. And talking cheerfully of hanging around there for a while.

When 73-year-old manager Connie Mack took his bunch of young hopefuls to a high plateau near Mexico City to train, the baseball experts laughed. The general reaction was that Mack could take them to the Garden of Eden (or Baldwin for that matter) and they'd still be hopeless tail enders. But the rarified atmosphere on the Mexican plateau? . . . "Ha, ha!"

The boys apparently liked the rarified atmosphere so much that they went right up for it in the American League. And seem to be breathing pretty easily, if you ask me.

Three Youngsters Set Pace

The A's are a youthful team, with fighting spirit and some amazing young pitchers their chief stock in trade. Three young twirlers just arrived in the big leagues this year have been a major factor in yanking last year's doormat out from under the surprised feet of the seven other American League teams.

George Caster, in from Portland of the Pacific Coast League, where he had been optioned by cagey old Conny, has turned in two four hit and one three hit wins. And those two rookies from Atlanta, Al Williams and Bud Thomas are also knocking them dead.

On the first day husky young Thomas reported down in Mexico City the sound of his fast ball whacking into the catcher's mitt woke Mack out of a sound sleep.

"I knew Lefty Grove would come back to us," he mumbled, rubbing his eyes. When informed who he was, Connie happily repeated what the Big Rose said to the Little Rose . . . "HYA, BUD!"

There are some interesting ball players on this team who may take fire and run away. Like Bill Cissell, the second baseman who brought a $100,000 price from the White Sox five years ago, and flopped under the strain of high pressure publicity. He has sneaked back with no fuss and feathers and is playing the ball he was expected to play five years ago. There's Indian Bob Johnston, the Cherokee with that left field home run habit; speedy Bill Werber, the young and promising Mr. Hayes as catcher, and Bob Moses, outfielder, who took the league by storm as a rookie last year.

Chubby Isn't Bashful

But the boy who typifies the spirit of this gay, form-upsetting young herd best is Chubby Dean. Chubby, a pink-cheeked, plump boy of eighteen, came up last spring as a temporary batting practice catcher to be farmed out. In the second week of the season the team went into the last half of the 9th inning of a slugfest trailing by two runs. There were two out, the bases were full and the pitcher was due at bat—and all the A's pinch hitters had been used up, so Mack beckoned to Chub to take his first cut at major league pitching.

Before the "Who the hell's this kid?" had died away from the grandstands, Chub had sauntered up to the plate, pickled the first ball pitched on a line over the center fielder's head, trotted down to first as three A's scored, yawned and returned to the dugout.

He did that little thing so often that Mack stuck him on first base, where he looks for all the world as though he'll develop into another Jimmy Foxx.

He's a little dumb though. When he reported this spring he ran right over to Connie Mack, of whom he has a high opinion.

"Mr. Mack," he said earnestly, "I have a wager on with my cousin Zeke back home that I wish you'd settle. He claims that Alfred Mussulman Landon was a heavyweight rasslin' champ round the turn of the century, and I recollect him as a Turkish general in the Crimean War. Which is it?"

Old Cornelius McGillicuddy smiled benignly and patted Chubby's cheek. "You should remember your history better, son. He was one of the original colonizers of Guatemala."

(Poor old Connie is getting a bit senile or he'd KNOW that the gentleman in question was leader of the Persian army that invaded China in the 12th century.)

Next Year!

But no kidding. Those A's won't win the pennant, but they're a long shot from the cellar team they were tabbed as by the experts.

I'm no expert, so I picked them for fifth in my pre-season predictions. That was largely on the strength of last year's swell young pitchers, Kelley, Fink, Ross, Gumpert and Turbeville. Those guys are still around getting better, and with the new big three in there the American League has a new theme song. It goes, "The Athletics will get you if you don't watch out."

Lyn Comes Through at Last

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The Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington	000 130 001	5	8 2
Chicago	302 400 04x	13	12 1

Newsom, Fischer, Cascarella, Lanphan and Millies; Kennedy and Sewell.
New York at St. Louis postponed wet grounds.
Boston at Detroit postponed rain.
Philadelphia at Cleveland postponed rain.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	000 230 010	6	10 2
Boston	000 002 000	2	5 0

Root and O'Dea; Lanning, Frasier and Lopez.

Cincinnati	000 010 000	1	5 0
Brooklyn	000 000 50x	5	5 0

L. Moore, Brennan, Grissom and V. Davis; Butcher and Spencer.

Pittsburgh	000 400 200	6	10 3
New York	002 030 000	5	10 0

Bowman, Swift and Todd; Melton, Smith, Coffman and Mancuso.

St. Louis	001 201 032	15	20 0
Philadelphia	000 002 001	3	9 2

McGee and Ogrodowski; Passeau, Jorgens, Sivess and Atwood, Grace.

Br'klyn College '9' Upsets CCNY Second Time

That amazing Brooklyn College baseball team did it again yesterday. Kicked around by most of its opponents all year, the Kingsmen had downed C. C. N. Y., rated as a good team, and yesterday the uptowners were out to reverse the decision.

For six innings (it was a seven inning game by agreement) it looked as though City was getting its revenge, though by a slim 1-0 margin. Arkie Solters was breezing along in invincible style, and a double by captain Haneles in the third had driven in Janowitz with the run that loomed so large.

Then came the seventh. Morton and catcher Wiener walked. Derkash dumped a pretty bunt intended for a sacrifice and beat it out with a burst of speed, filling the bases. As Norton came tearing down the base line on the next delivery, Caretta bunted fore a pretty squeeze play and the tying run came over. Pitcher Bill Wiener then won the ball game with a single scoring the winning run.

Wiener, a promising youngster, pitched a swell game for Brooklyn, but Solters was too good to deserve losing too.

The score by innings:

Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	3
C. C. N. Y.	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0

Wiener and Wiener; Solters and Haneles.

PIRATES RALLY TO BEAT GIANTS

League Leaders Slug to Win 6-5—Dodgers Win 3rd Straight Behind Max Butcher —Cards, Cubs Win

The Pittsburgh Pirates came from behind twice yesterday to score their fifth straight National League victory, 6-5, over the New York Giants.

After the Giants had taken a two-run lead in the third, the Pirates scored four runs in the fourth. Suhr's double accounted for two and Todd and Bowman each drove in a run with a single. On four hits and a Pittsburgh error, the Giants took the lead again in the fifth when they scored three more runs. Arky Vaughan's two-bagger, and Todd's single drove the tying and winning markers for Pittsburgh in the seventh. Al Smith, who relieved Melton in the fifth, was the losing hurler, and Bowman, who pitched the first six innings for Pittsburgh, was the winner.

The second place St. Louis Cardinals pounded out a 15-3 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies, rapping three pitchers for 20 hits. Medwick set the pace with two home runs and two doubles. Pepper Martin also got four hits including a double and triple. McGee went the route for St. Louis, distributing nine hits. Passeau, first of the Phil trio, was the loser.

The Brooklyn Dodgers moved to within a half game of the third place Giants by scoring their third straight victory, 5-1, over the Cincinnati Reds. Max Butcher led the Reds down with five hits. The Dodgers, held to two safeties for the first six innings, tallied all of their runs in the seventh on three walks, two doubles and an outfield fly.

The Boston Bees were handed their sixth straight setback, 6-2, by the Chicago Cubs. Charley Root allowed five hits, with the Bees scoring only on home runs by Tony Cuccinello and Gene Moore in the sixth. Rip Collins was the hero of the Cubs attack, driving in three runs with a homer and a single.

SOX RUN WILD

In the only American League game, the Chicago White Sox swamped the Washington Senators, 13-5, behind Vernon Kennedy's eight-hit pitching. Buck Newsom started for Washington but was reached for five runs in the first three innings. He was charged with the loss. Bonura and Kreevich homered for Chicago, and Kuhel hit one for Washington.

Detroit was leading Boston, 1-0, when their game was called at the end of the second inning because of rain. Wet grounds stopped the New York-St. Louis game, and the Philadelphia at Cleveland game was rained out.

Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	14	4	.824
St. Louis	11	7	.611
New York	10	9	.526
Brooklyn	10	10	.500
Chicago	9	10	.474
Boston	7	12	.368
Philadelphia	7	12	.368
Cincinnati	6	11	.353

GAMES TODAY

Pittsburgh at New York.
Cincinnati at Brooklyn
Chicago at Boston.
St. Louis at Philadelphia.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh, 6; New York, 5.
Brooklyn, 5; Cincinnati, 1.
Chicago, 6; Boston, 2.
St. Louis, 15; Philadelphia, 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia	10	5	.667
Cleveland	9	6	.600
Boston	8	6	.571
New York	9	8	.529
Detroit	9	8	.529
Chicago	7	10	.412
St. Louis	6	9	.400
Washington	6	12	.333

GAMES TODAY

New York at St. Louis
Washington at Chicago
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Boston at Detroit

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Chicago, 13; Washington, 5.
Remainder postponed.

Exit Jake's Appendix

The New York Yankees announced yesterday that outfielder Jake Powell, one of the World Series heroes last fall, would be operated on for appendicitis at 1:30 P.M. at the St. Elizabeth Hospital. Dr. Robert E. Walsh will perform the operation. Powell will be out of action for at least ten weeks.

Jordan to Reds

BOSTON, May 12 (UP).—Sale of first-baseman Baxter (Buck) Jordan to the Cincinnati Reds was announced today by president Bob Quinn of the Boston Bees.

The Hounds Are After Him, Or McLemore Goes A-Huntin'

By Henry McLemore

LITTLE MOUNTAINS, Eastham, Va., May 12 (UP).—Today I ride to hounds.

I know I'll thrill to the chase, because the pursuit of Reynard the Fox via horseback, runs in the McLemore blood. Take my Uncle Lem, for example. My Uncle Lem on my mother's side. There was a time when Uncle Lem never went anywhere without hounds behind. The state of Georgia pack—blood, not fox—with the sheriff as master, used to chase Uncle Lem about two times a month. He was chased so much that in his later years he developed a brush and couldn't go to the corner grocery store without doubling back on himself.

My ride today will be in the nature of an experiment. Last fall I was invited to join the Brushwillow Hunt, an organization which spends three days a week worrying the hell out of a fox. The Brushwill Hunt won't ride again until October, because between now and then the vixens are in a "vix"—that is to say, the female foxes are in woodland lying-in hospitals producing more little foxes to be annoyed.

But I could not wait until October to ride. I need practice. So, straight from the derby in Louisville, I came to Little Mountains, to perfect my horsemanship. As I write this my horse stands saddled at the door. To be truthful he's sitting, because he is the oldest horse in the point of service in Virginia. General Lee complained about his age in 1865. I know this horse is old, because I looked him straight in the mouth, gift horse or no gift horse. His favorite gait is the hesitation waltz, and he does not object to me using a howdah instead of a saddle.

The territory I plan to hunt is a heavily paved stretch of the No. 250 highway, bounded on all sides by filling stations and hamburger stands. My hostess, who has an upstairs room seething with foxtails, tried to make me hunt in the woods. But I would have no part of it. I figured that if the fox is as smart as they say he is, he has already found out that the woods are unsafe and that his safest bet is a lair on the main highway to Richmond.

I must go now for I have just heard the call:

"Tallyho gone away."

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STEVE KATOVIS Br. ILD. News—News—News—by Commentator Samuel Seidman. 327 E. 9th St. Adm. free. 8:30 P. M.

SAM DON will discuss Current Events at the Bedford Br. of the ILD. Crown Heights Center, Brooklyn. 1218 Union St., near Nostrand Ave. 8:30 P.M.

Tomorrow

DANCE. Movies, Magician, Prizes! Spring Frolic—N.Y.C. Council, American Youth Congress. Movies — Washington Pilgrimage. Bob Gibson, CBS singing star. Varsity Club Orchestra. Subs. 55c. Webster Manor, 125 E. 11th St., Friday, May 14, 9 P.M.

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THEATRE Party for "Steel." Good seats available at Labor Stage, 106 W. 39th St. Ausp.: Crown Heights Center.

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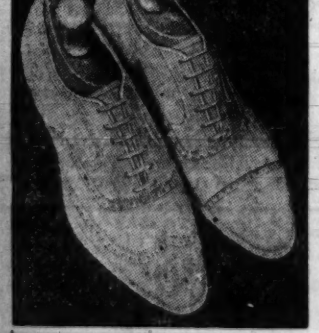

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